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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND
HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
AND
MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO
BELONGING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1927,
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND YEAR

PHILADELPHIA
1928

THE GRAND
HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
1795-1927

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, MARCH 3, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

The Quarterly Communication of The Grand Holy
Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Juris-
diction Thereunto Belonging was held this evening.

PRESENT:

- Comp. WALTON K. SWETLAND,.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" AUGUST P. KUNZIG,.....*M. E. Grand King.*
" THOMAS N. MCKEE,.....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
" THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY,.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
" EDGAR A. TENNIS,.....
" GEORGE B. WELLS,.....
" THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,....
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY,.....
" ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH,....
" ROBERT G. SMITH,.....
" ALFRED C. MARPLE,.....
" WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR.,....
" J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER,.....
" JOHN H. BENNETT,.....
" CHARLES R. ROBERTS,.....
" CHARLES H. TILTON,.....
" CHARLES H. WEAVER,.....
" GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF,.....
- M. E. Past Grand High Priests.*
District Deputy Grand High Priests

Comp. WILLIAM R. BURCHFIELD,.....	}	<i>District Deputy Grand High Priests.</i>
" ROY C. STORMER,.....		
" JAMES H. REEDER,.....		
" JOHN P. ANDERSON,.....		
" FREDERICK J. WANDALL,.....		
" RUSSELL RUDOLPH,.....		
" GEORGE W. RODGERS,.....		
" EDMUND W. BOOTS,.....		
" ROBERT E. UMBEL,.....		
" CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING,.....		
" PETER BARKEY,.....		
" WILLIAM F. BENNETT,.....		
" HARVEY F. PEIFLY,.....		
" WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,.....		<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
" EDWARD W. RUSHTON,.....		<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
" GEORGE W. WELLBURN,.....		<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
" WILLIAM H. MICHEALS,.....		<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER,.....		<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
" RALPH C. MINEHART,.....		<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
" WILLIAM B. KROPP,.....		<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
" ELMER C. WATT,.....		<i>Grand Master of Third Vail.</i>
" LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR.,.....		<i>Grand Master of Second Vail.</i>
" RICHARD P. MOGBRIDGE,.....		<i>Grand Master of First Vail.</i>
" HERBERT RUSSELL LAIRD,.....		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" WILLIAM F. GOODWIN,.....		<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
" FRANK R. LEECH,.....		<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
" WALTER M. CARWITHEN,.....		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,.....		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

*Companions of Chapters Numbers:—*3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 164, 165, 167, 169, 175, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 190, 193, 195, 196, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203, 206, 208, 209, 214, 215, 216, 218, 219, 220, 222, 223, 226, 228, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257, 258, 259, 262, 263, 264, 267, 270, 271, 274, 277, 281, 282, 284, 285, 287, 288, 290, 296, 297, 301, 304, 307, 308 and 310. (88 Chapters, 248 members. Visitors—56 from Pennsylvania and 1 from Massachusetts.)

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest, directed the M. E. Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives, when the following were recorded present:

Grand Representatives.

- Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
- " OWEN W. METZGAR, of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.
 - " JOHN E. CHEESEMAN, of the Grand Chapter of Arizona.
 - " WILLIAM McCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
 - " ROBERT E. UMBEL, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
 - " ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of the Grand Chapter of California.
 - " SAMUEL SHAW, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
 - " FREDERICK J. WANDALL, of the Grand Chapter of Colorado.
 - " CHARLES R. DOBBYN, of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.
 - " WESLEY R. MORGAN, of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.
 - " EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
 - " WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, of the Grand Chapter of Florida.
 - " THOMAS N. MCKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
 - " GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
 - " ROBERT D. COLE, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
 - " JOHN A. PERRY, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.
 - " FRANK F. MATHERS, of the Grand Chapter of Kansas.
 - " CHARLES H. WEAVER, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
 - " FREDERICK P. GLASSER, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.
 - " RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
 - " ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
 - " WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
 - " FRANK M. DEALY, of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
 - " CHARLES H. TILTON, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
 - " AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
 - " ANDREW J. SCHRODER, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
 - " HARRY S. WRIGHT, of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales.
 - " WILLIAM T. TURNER, of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
 - " GEORGE W. RODGERS, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
 - " CHARLES R. ROBERTS, of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.
 - " LOUIS M. WAGNER, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.
 - " THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
 - " CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
 - " JOHN P. ANDERSON, of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.
 - " JAMES H. REEDER, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

Comp. RUSSELL RUDOLPH, of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.

“ PETER BARKEY, of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

“ WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

“ GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, of the Grand Chapter of Utah.

“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

“ JOSEPH K. NICHOLLS, of the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

“ GEORGE C. ROBERTS, of the Grand Chapter of Washington.

“ HARRY J. BELL, of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

“ P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

“ HARVEY F. PEIFLY, of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

In his address to the Grand Representatives the M. E. Grand High Priest requested that they convey to the M. E. Grand High Priest of their respective Grand Jurisdictions the felicitations and best wishes of the Royal Arch Masons in Pennsylvania, expressing the hope that the close fraternal relations now existing between the several Grand Jurisdictions may ever continue and that we may be brought closer together in the interest and advancement of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held December 27, 1926, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 163, 179, 185, 186, 195, 203, 204, 235, 267, 286, 301 and 302, and proposed new code of By-Laws of Chapter No. 225 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

“PHILADELPHIA, March 3, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of

the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary from November 21, 1926, to February 19, 1927, inclusive, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$32,306 30
" Certificates	4 00
" Dispensations	5 00
" Interest on Investments	1,999 81
" Sale of Constitutions	3 25
" " " Ledger Sheets	26 00
	<hr/>
	\$34,344 36
Balance November 20, 1926.....	6,361 25
	<hr/>
	\$40,705 61

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	\$30 00
" Clothing and Furniture	403 15
" Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	1,000 00
" " D. D. Grand High Priests	1,067 76
" " P. G. H. P. and Other Grand Officers	658 46
" " Instruction in Work	1,177 90
" Investments	12,000 00
" Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	1,000 00
" Printing, Postage and Stationery	303 18
" Salaries	2,300 00
" Telephone Services	31 35
" Office Supplies	\$26 15
" Binding Reports	4 00
" P. G. High Priest's Jewel	175 00
" Organist's Salary	70 00

For Bonding Officers	131 25	
“ Auditing	40 00	
“ Printing Proceedings	44 38	
“ Rent Safe Deposit Box	10 00	
		500 78
		<hr/>
		\$20,472 58
Balance February 19, 1927	20,233 03	
		<hr/> \$40,705 61

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE P. DARROW,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,

Committee.”

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, when, on motion, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

“PHILADELPHIA, March 3, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed amendments to the By-Laws and proposed new code of By-Laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 163, 179, 185, 186, 195, 203, 204, 267, 286, 301 and 302 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed new code of By-Laws and amendments, of Chapter No. 225 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 235 be amended as follows:

In the fourth line before the word “residence” strike out the word “and”; after the word “residence” insert “and number of Lodge”; strike out the word “applicant” and insert the word “petitioner.” In the fifth line strike out the word “application” and insert the word “petition.” In the sixteenth line before the word “auditing” insert the words “Most Excel-

lent High Priest." Second paragraph, third line, strike out the words "St. John's Day next succeeding such meeting" and insert the words "night of the Annual Election," and as so amended shall be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
JOHN A. PERRY,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
JAMES B. DUFFY,

Committee."

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

"PHILADELPHIA, March 3, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids were asked for printing and publishing the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1926, and the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Julian B. Slevin Co., Inc.

The Proceedings contain a steel engraving of Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, GEORGE P. DARROW.

Again we must compliment the Grand Secretary's office for its promptness in furnishing copy to the Committee, and by reason thereof we are pleased to report that distribution of the work was begun on February 25th, and completed at the time of the filing of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
ROBERT W. VOGT,

Committee."

The Grand Secretary presented his report of the work and membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges for the year ended December 27, 1926, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

"PHILADELPHIA, March 3, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Most Excellent Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the work and membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges for the year ended December 27, 1926:

CHAPTERS.

Membership, December 27, 1925, as per last report	59,778
Admitted during the year	285
Restored during the year	109
Marked during the year	1,832
	<hr/> 2,226
	<hr/> 62,004
Died during the year	989
Resigned during the year	454
Suspended during the year	633
Expelled during the year	3
	<hr/> 2,079
	<hr/>
Membership, December 27, 1926	59,925
A net gain of	147

MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1925, as per last report	156
Admitted during the year	8
Marked during the year	1
	<hr/> 9
	<hr/> 165
Died during the year	1
Suspended during the year	1
	<hr/> 2
	<hr/>
Membership, December 27, 1926	163
Number of Royal Arch Chapters	153
Number of Mark Lodges	2

- 74 Chapters showed a gain in membership.
- 66 Chapters showed a loss in membership.
- 13 Chapters showed neither gain nor loss.
- 6 Chapters in which no degrees were conferred.
- 10 Chapters show a membership of over 1,000.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH E. QUINBY,

Grand Secretary."

The Grand Secretary reported that all General Returns from Chapters and Mark Lodges, all reports of Auditing Committees except two Chapters, and all dues and fees for 1926 excepting three have been received.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion ROBERT I. TURNER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, died November 3, 1926.

M. E. Companion JAMES FULLERTON ROBINSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, died December 2, 1926.

M. E. Companion GRAFTON MOLEN ACKLIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, died December 17, 1926.

Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLEITH,, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Nevada, died December 18, 1926.

R. E. Companion LEONARD CASE WEEKS, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, died December 19, 1926.

M. E. Companion EUGENE HAMMOND, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, died December 21, 1926.

M. E. Companion ALEXANDER M. DOCKERY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, died December 26, 1926.

M. E. Companion EDWIN BUXTON CLIFT, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, died January 8, 1927.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by the members of University R. A. Chapter, No. 256, Companion HERMAN J. GAPP, as Most Excellent High Priest.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at nine o'clock thirty five minutes P. M.

Joseph E. Quincy
Grand Secretary.

On Thursday, March 3, 1927, commencing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, by direction of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, a Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened, when the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by the officers of Germantown Royal Arch Chapter, No. 208, Companion HERBERT W. POOLE, Scribe, as Worshipful Master.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons closed and a Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons opened, when the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified by the officers of Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, Companion S. KRIEDER KENT, King, as Most Excellent Master.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons closed.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,

PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 2, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

The Quarterly Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this evening.

PRESENT:

- Comp. WALTON K. SWETLAND,.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
- " AUGUST P. KUNZIG,.....*M. E. Grand King.*
- " THOMAS N. MCKEE,.....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
- " THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
- " JOSEPH E. QUINBY,.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
- " EDGAR A. TENNIS,.....
- " GEORGE B. WELLS,.....
- " THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,....
- " JOSEPH E. QUINBY,.....
- " JOHN M. CORE,.....
- " GEORGE P. DARBOW,.....
- " ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH,....
- " ROBERT G. SMITH,.....
- " ALFRED C. MARPLE,.....
- " WILLIAM J. BYNES, JR.,....
- " J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER,.....
- " CHARLES R. ROBERTS,.....
- " CHARLES H. WEAVER,.....
- " GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF,.....
- " ROY C. STORMER,.....
- " FREDERICK J. WANDALL,....
- " GEORGE W. RODGERS,.....
- " EDMUND W. BOOTS,.....
- " ROBERT E. UMBEL,.....
- " WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
- " EDWARD W. RUSHTON,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
- " FRANCIS M. TAITT,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
- " P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER,.....*Grand Captain of the Host.*
- " ROBERT D. COLE,.....*as Grand Principal Sojourner.*
- } *M. E. Past Grand High Priests.*
- } *District Deputy Grand High Priests.*

- Comp. WILLIAM B. KROPP,.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
 “ ELMER C. WATT,.....*Grand Master of Third Vail.*
 “ LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR.,.....*Grand Master of Second Vail.*
 “ RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE,.....*Grand Master of First Vail.*
 “ HERBERT RUSSELL LAIRD,.....*Grand Marshal.*
 “ WILLIAM F. GOODWIN,.....*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
 “ FRANK R. LEECH,.....*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
 “ WALTER M. CARWITHEN,.....*Grand Pursuivant.*
 “ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,.....*Grand Tyler.*

Companions of Chapters Numbers:—3, 21, 52, 91, 152, 162, 165, 167, 169, 175, 182, 183, 185, 189, 190, 194, 195, 197, 198, 201, 203, 208, 222, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 263, 264, 270, 282, 284, 297, 302, 307, 308. (48 Chapters, 111 members. Visitors—Five from Pennsylvania, 8 from New York and 1 from Nebraska.)

M. E. Companion FRANK E. BULLARD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, and E. Companion EDWARD H. MARTIN, Grand Representative of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, honored Grand Chapter with their presence.

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M., Daylight Saving Time.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of Grand Representatives, when the following were recorded present:

Grand Representatives.

- Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
 “ JOHN E. CHEESEMAN, of the Grand Chapter of Arizona.
 “ WILLIAM McCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
 “ ROBERT E. UMBEL, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
 “ FREDERICK J. WANDALL, of the Grand Chapter of Colorado.
 “ CHARLES R. DOBBYN, of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.
 “ EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
 “ WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, of the Grand Chapter of Florida.
 “ THOMAS N. MCKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
 “ GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
 “ ROBERT D. COLE, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

- Comp. CHARLES H. WEAVER, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
“ GEORGE P. DARROW, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
“ JOHN M. CORE, of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
“ FREDERICK P. GLASSER, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.
“ RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
“ ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
“ WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
“ FRANK M. DEALY, of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
“ AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
“ HARRY S. WRIGHT, of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales.
“ GEORGE W. RODGERS, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
“ CHARLES R. ROBERTS, of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.
“ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
“ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
“ WILLIAM J. PATERSON, of the Grand Chapter of Scotland.
“ WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
“ GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, of the Grand Chapter of Utah.
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
“ JOSEPH K. NICHOLLS, of the Grand Chapter of Virginia.
“ GEORGE C. ROBERTS, of the Grand Chapter of Washington.
“ P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on March 3, 1927, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed new codes of By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 182, 259 and 274, and proposed amendments to By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 169, 181, 189, 203, 208, 221, 232, 249, 254, 301 and 303 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, when on motion the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

“PHILADELPHIA, June 2, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from February 20, 1927, to May 21, 1927, inclusive, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$1,475 10	
“ Certificates	4 00	
“ Dispensations	10 00	
“ Interest on Investments	1,665 00	
“ Sale of Ledger Sheets	9 00	
“ “ “ Elliott Fisher Typewriter	100 00	
		\$3,263 10
Balance February 19, 1927	20,233 03	
		<u>\$23,496 13</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	30 00	
“ Clothing and Furniture	112 35	
“ Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	1,000 00	
“ “ D. D. Grand High Priests	601 40	
“ “ Instruction in Work	1,120 07	
“ “ P. G. H. P. and Other Grand Officers	448 24	
“ Investments	3,000 00	
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	508 60	
“ Salaries	2,300 00	
“ Telephone Services	29 44	
“ Other Expenses:		
“ Printing Proceedings	\$1,257 94	
“ Office Supplies	2 00	
“ Assisting Tyler	5 00	
“ Auditing	50 00	
“ Elliott Fisher Typewriter	370 00	
		<u>1,684 94</u>
		\$10,835 04
Balance May 21, 1927	12,661 09	
		<u>\$23,496 13</u>

The Committee offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, that an extra appropriation of \$3,000.00 be authorized for the Trustees for investment.

Resolved, that in the case of an emergency, of which the Grand Officers shall be the judge, the M. E. Grand High Priest is hereby authorized to

draw his order on the M. E. Grand Treasurer against the General Fund for a sum not exceeding \$1,000.00.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE P. DARROW,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,

Committee."

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, when on motion the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, June 2, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed amendments to the By-Laws and proposed new codes of By-Laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 169, 181, 189, 203, 208, 221, 232, 254, 301 and 303 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed new codes of By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 182 and 259, be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed new code of By-Laws of Chapter No. 274 be amended as follows:

Article III, Section 1, 4th line, after word "Article" strike out "XIII" and insert "XII."

Article III, Section 3, 4th line, strike out the words "St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding such election" and insert the words "night of the Annual Election."

Article III, Section 4, 4th line, strike out the words "St. John the Evangelist's Day next" and insert the words "the night of the Annual Election."

Article IV, Section 4, 41st line, strike out the words "St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding such meeting" and insert the words "night of the Annual Election."

Article IV, Section 6, 13th line, insert after the word "Pennsylvania" the words "the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania."

Article V, Section 1, 5th line, strike out the words "considered a part of," and as so amended, they shall be approved. The resolution that these By-Laws, if adopted, shall be effective December 27, 1927, is unlawful, and therefore is not approved.

Resolved, that the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 249 be not approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
JOHN A. PERRY,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
JAMES B. DUFFY,

Committee."

Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, announced the death of Companion MURRAY GORGAS at his home in Philadelphia on March 9, 1927. Companion GORGAS was a member of the Committee on Printing and Publishing since 1909.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion FREDERICK JAMES MELVIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, died August 10, 1926.

M. E. Companion ROBERT WELLES FISHER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Utah, died January 16, 1927.

M. E. Companion JOSIAH SMITH DAVIDSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, died February 6, 1927.

M. E. Companion FRANK BELL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nevada, died February 13, 1927.

M. E. Companion ROBERT EMMET FRENCH, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, died February 16, 1927.

M. E. Companion DAVID MONTGOMERY HOLMES, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, died February 18, 1927.

R. E. Companion AMBROSE D. COUNTRYMAN, Grand

King of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, died February 23, 1927.

M. E. Companion EUGENE A. HOLTON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, died March 21, 1927.

M. E. Companion JAMES R. DONNELL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, died March 21, 1927.

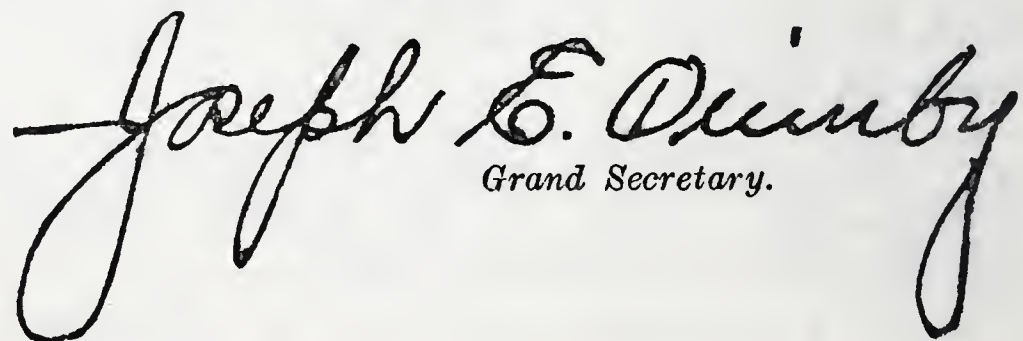
M. E. Companion NATHANIEL BOWDITCH, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, died April 7, 1927.

Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, announced the appointment of Companion SAMUEL CRITCHLOW, SR., a Past High Priest of Corinthian R. A. Chapter, No. 250, as a member of the Committee on Printing and Publishing, vice MURRAY GORGAS, deceased.

At the request of Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the following Companions addressed Grand Chapter:

M. E. Companion FRANK E. BULLARD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, and E. Companion EDWARD H. MARTIN, Grand Representative of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at eight o'clock ten minutes P. M., Daylight Saving Time.


Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 8, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

The Quarterly Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this evening.

PRESENT:

- Comp. WALTON K. SWETLAND,.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 " AUGUST P. KUNZIG,.....*M. E. Grand King.*
 " THOMAS N. MCKEE,.....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
 " THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 " JOSEPH E. QUINBY,.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
 " EDGAR A. TENNES,.....
 " GEORGE B. WELLS,.....
 " THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,....
 " DAVID J. DAVIS,.....
 " JOSEPH E. QUINBY,.....
 " GEORGE P. DARROW,.....
 " ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH,....
 " ROBERT G. SMITH,.....
 " ALFRED C. MARPLE,.....
 " WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR.,....
 " CHARLES R. ROBERTS,.....
 " CHARLES H. TILTON,.....
 " CHARLES H. WEAVER,.....
 " GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF,.....
 " WILLIAM R. BURCHFIELD,....
 " FREDERICK J. WANDALL,....
 " JAMES W. MYERS,.....
 " EDMUND W. BOOTS,.....
 " ROBERT E. UMBEL,.....
 " EDWARD W. RUSHTON,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
 " GEORGE W. WELLBURN,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
 " ROBERT D. COLE,.....*as Grand Captain of the Host.*
 " IRVIN BRANDEIS,*as Grand Principal Sojourner.*
 " WILLIAM B. KROPP,.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
- M. E. Past Grand High Priests.*
- District Deputy Grand High Priests.*

- Comp. ELMER C. WATT,.....*Grand Master of Third Vail.*
 " AUGUST H. SCHELL,.....as *Grand Master of Second Vail.*
 " RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE,.....*Grand Master of First Vail.*
 " HERBERT RUSSELL LAIRD,.....*Grand Marshal.*
 " WILLIAM F. GOODWIN,.....*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
 " FRANK R. LEECH,.....*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
 " WALTER M. CARWITHEN,.....*Grand Pursuivant.*
 " WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,.....*Grand Tyler.*

Companions of Chapters Numbers:—3, 21, 52, 91, 152, 162, 165, 167, 169, 175, 177, 182, 183, 189, 190, 196, 203, 208, 219, 220, 226, 232, 233, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 263, 264, 270, 282, 284, 301, 307, 308 and 312. (46 Chapters, 115 members. Visitors—Seven from Pennsylvania.

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M., Daylight Saving Time.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of Grand Representatives, when the following were recorded present:

Grand Representatives.

- Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.
 " JOHN E. CHEESEMAN, of the Grand Chapter of Arizona.
 " WILLIAM McCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
 " ROBERT E. UMBEL, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
 " SAMUEL SHAW, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
 " FREDERICK J. WANDALL, of the Grand Chapter of Colorado.
 " CHARLES R. DOBBYN, of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.
 " EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
 " WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, of the Grand Chapter of Florida.
 " THOMAS N. McKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
 " GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.
 " ROBERT D. COLE, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.
 " JOHN A. PERRY, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.
 " FRANK F. MATHERS, of the Grand Chapter of Kansas.
 " CHARLES H. WEAVER, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
 " GEORGE A. GORGAS, of the Grand Chapter of Maine.
 " JAMES W. MYERS, of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba.
 " GEORGE P. DARROW, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.
 " FREDERICK P. GLASSER, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.
 " RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
 " ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
 " WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.

Comp. FRANK M. DEALY, of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

- " CHARLES H. TILTON, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
- " AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
- " HARRY S. WRIGHT, of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales.
- " DAVID J. DAVIS, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
- " WILLIAM T. TURNER, of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
- " CHARLES R. ROBERTS, of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.
- " LOUIS M. WAGNER, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.
- " THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
- " A. HOWARD THOMAS, of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
- " WILLIAM J. PATERSON, of the Grand Chapter of Scotland.
- " WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
- " GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, of the Grand Chapter of Utah.
- " JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
- " JOSEPH K. NICHOLLS, of the Grand Chapter of Virginia.
- " GEORGE C. ROBERTS, of the Grand Chapter of Washington.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held June 2, 1927, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 197, 215 and 264 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

"PHILADELPHIA, September 8, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from May 21, 1927, to August 20, 1927, inclusive, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Dispositions	\$5 00
" Interest on Investments	2,922 87
" Sale of Constitutions	2 00
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	\$2,929 87
Balance May 21, 1927	12,661 09
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	\$15,590 96

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	\$30 00	
" Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	378 09	
" " P. G. H. P. and Other Grand Officers	280 77	
" " Instruction in the Work	749 65	
" Printing, Postage and Stationery	4 75	
" Salaries	2,175 00	
" Telephone Services	27 14	
" Other Expenses:		
" Registering Emblems, etc.	\$114 50	
" Binding Reports	22 50	
" Office Supplies	83 58	
" Compensation Insurance	7 50	
" Auditing	25 00	
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		\$3,898 48
Balance August 20, 1927	11,692 48	
	<hr/>	\$15,590 96

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE P. DARROW,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,

Committee."

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, when on motion the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, September 8, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the
Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed amendments to the By-Laws referred to them and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 197, 215 and 264 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
JAMES DUFFY,

Committee."

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion IRVING E. WEBSTER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida, died April 20, 1927.

M. E. Companion CHARLES CARROLL WOOD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, died May 12, 1927.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM MOHR, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, died May 31, 1927.

M. E. Companion GEORGE EDGAR CORSON, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, died July 20, 1927.

M. E. Companion GEORGE MAYHEW MOULTON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, died July 24, 1927.

M. E. Companion ALBERT MANCHESTER PENLEY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine, died June 25, 1927.

M. E. Companion JEROME HAMMOND TUCKER, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, died July 2, 1927.

M. E. Companion JOSEPH LEON GUNTER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, died July 5, 1927.

Companion ARCHIBALD LARUE THOMPSON, Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, died July 11, 1927.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at seven o'clock thirty-five minutes P. M., Daylight Saving Time.

Joseph E. Dimby
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 8, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

The Quarterly Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this afternoon.

PRESENT:

Comp. WALTON K. SWETLAND,.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*

" AUGUST P. KUNZIG,.....*M. E. Grand King.*

" THOMAS N. MCKEE,.....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*

" THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

" JOSEPH E. QUINBY,.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*

" EDGAR A. TENNIS,.....

" GEORGE B. WELLS,.....

" THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,....

" JOSEPH E. QUINBY,.....

" JOHN M. CORE,.....

" GEORGE P. DARROW,.....

M. E. Past Grand High Priests.

" ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH,....

" ALFRED C. MARPLE,.....

" WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR.,....

" J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER,.....

" CHARLES R. ROBERTS,.....

" CHARLES H. TILTON,.....

" CHARLES H. WEAVER,.....

" GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF,.....

" WILLIAM R. BURCHFIELD,....

" ROY C. STORMER,.....

" JOHN P. ANDERSON,.....

" FREDERICK J. WANDALL,....

" RUSSELL RUDOLPH,.....

" GEORGE W. RODGERS,.....

" JAMES W. MYERS,.....

" EDMUND W. BOOTS,.....

" ROBERT E. UMBEL,.....

" CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING,....

" WILLIAM F. BENNETT,.....

" HARVEY F. PEIFLY,.....

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

- Comp. EDWARD W. RUSHTON,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
 " GEORGE W. WELLBURN,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
 " FRANCIS M. TAITT,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
 " P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER,.....*Grand Captain of the Host.*
 " RALPH C. MINEHART,.....*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
 " WILLIAM B. KROPP,.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
 " ELMER C. WATT,.....*Grand Master of Third Vail.*
 " CLARENCE R. BROOKS,.....*as Grand Master of Second Vail.*
 " RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE,.....*Grand Master of First Vail.*
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Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of the following distinguished Companions:

Companion BOYD A. MUSSEY, R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion CHARLES HAMMEL, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion WILLIAM R. CONDIT, Grand King; M. E. Companion JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM, Past Grand High Priest; E. Companion ROY B. DAVIS, Grand Captain of the Host, and E. Companion EDWARD H. MARTIN, Grand Representative, all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

M. E. Companion EDWARD A. KLATTE, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion LOUIS C. HULL, Grand Scribe; M. E. Companion FRANK BEARDSLEY, Past Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion WILLIAM E. BOWERS, Past Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion EDGAR ELLIS, Past Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion BURTON L. TUTTLE, Past Grand High Priest, all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

M. E. Companion HARRY G. POLLARD, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion RAYMOND T. SEWALL, Deputy Grand High Priest, and E. Companion FRANK A. NORTH, Grand Captain of the Host, all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts.

M. E. Companion CONVERS E. LEACH, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maine.

M. E. Companion CHARLES D. MCCrackEN, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion VICTOR H. PUGH, Deputy Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion MATTHEW ARMSTRONG, Grand King; R. E. Companion ROBERT McCORMICK, Grand Scribe; M. E. Companion ABRAM A. REGER, Grand Secretary; M. E. Companion ALBERT LEON, Past Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion FRANK C. SAYRS, Past Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion MARION H. HALL, Past Grand High Priest, all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey.

M. E. Companion J. WALLACE WOODFORD, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion WILLIAM O. WINGATE, Grand Scribe; M. E. Companion W. HARRY LEWIS, Past Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion C. EDGAR WILLIN, Past Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion WEST A. TROTTER, Past Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion GEORGE O. FEARON, Past Grand High Priest; E. Companion HAROLD T. PURNELL, Grand Captain of the Host; E. Companion HARRY V. HOLLOWAY, Grand Principal Sojourner, and E.

Companion JOHN P. LEFEVRE, Grand Royal Arch Captain, all of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM E. KRUPP, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia.

M. E. Companion KENNETH J. DUNSTAN, Grand First Principal, and R. E. Companion W. G. PRICE, Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

R. E. Companion FRANK W. KNOWLTON, Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.

M. E. Companion FRANK E. BULLARD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest, directed the M. E. Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives, when the following were recorded present:

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

" OWEN W. METZGAR, of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

" JOHN E. CHEESEMAN, of the Grand Chapter of Arizona.

" WILLIAM McCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

" ROBERT E. UMBEL, of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of the Grand Chapter of California.

" SAMUEL SHAW, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

" FREDERICK J. WANDALL, of the Grand Chapter of Colorado.

" CHARLES R. DOBBYN, of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

" WESLEY R. MORGAN, of the Grand Chapter of Delaware.

" EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.

" WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

- Comp. THOMAS N. MCKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.
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 - " JAMES McCULLOUGH, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
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 - " FREDERICK P. GLASSER, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.
 - " RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
 - " JAMES E. MOBBIS, of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
 - " ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.
 - " WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.
 - " FRANK M. DEALY, of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
 - " FRANCIS L. BORIE, of the Grand Chapter of Nevada.
 - " CHARLES H. TILTON, of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
 - " AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
 - " ANDREW J. SCHRODER, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
 - " HARRY S. WRIGHT, of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales.
 - " DAVID J. DAVIS, of the Grand Chapter of New York.
 - " WILLIAM T. TURNER, of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
 - " GEORGE W. RODGERS, of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.
 - " CHARLES R. ROBERTS, of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.
 - " LOUIS M. WAGNER, of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.
 - " THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
 - " CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.
 - " JOHN P. ANDERSON, of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.
 - " RUSSELL RUDOLPH, of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.
 - " WILLIAM J. PATERSON, of the Grand Chapter of Scotland.
 - " WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.
 - " GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, of the Grand Chapter of Utah.
 - " JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.
 - " JOSEPH K. NICHOLLS, of the Grand Chapter of Virginia.
 - " GEORGE C. ROBERTS, of the Grand Chapter of Washington.
 - " HARRY J. BELL, of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.
 - " P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.
 - " HARVEY F. PEIFLY, of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on September 8, 1927, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 249, 303, 304 and 305, and proposed new code of By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 161 and 238 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint the following Tellers:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Comp. FREDERICK J. WANDALL,
" EDMUND W. BOOTS,
" JOHN P. ANDERSON.

Most Excellent Grand King.

Comp. ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH,
" CHARLES R. ROBERTS,
" GEORGE W. RODGERS.

Most Excellent Grand Scribe.

Comp. RUSSELL RUDOLPH,
" ROY C. STORMER,
" CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING.

Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.

Comp. ALFRED C. MARPLE,
" CHARLES H. TILTON,
" ROBERT E. UMBEL.

Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

Comp. WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR.,
" CHARLES H. WEAVER,
" JAMES W. MYERS.

The Tellers appointed to conduct the election for Grand Officers having reported, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest declared the following named Companions duly elected:

Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Most Excellent Grand King.

Companion THOMAS N. McKEE, Most Excellent Grand Scribe.

Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.

Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the Minutes:

“PHILADELPHIA, December 8, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of Grand Chapter present their Nineteenth Annual Report:

Par Value of Securities as per last report.....	\$147,000 00
“ “ “ “ purchased during the year	27,500 00
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	\$174,500 00
“ “ “ “ sold during the year	13,000 00
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“ “ “ “ now on hand	\$161,500 00

Cash Account:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at close of fiscal year 1926.....	\$299 85
Sold \$1000 Bethlehem Steel	1,003 00
“ \$2000 Chicago and Alton	1,427 50
“ \$10,000 Greenfield Building	10,000 00
Received from Grand Chapter for investment....	15,000 00
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	\$27,730 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Purchased:

(11)	\$1000 Touraine Building Class A 5¾% Registered Bonds, No. 657 to 667, due January 1 and July 1, 1932, interest due January 1 and July 1, guaranteed by the Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages	\$11,000 00
(1)	\$1000 S. E. corner Fifth and Bristol Building 1st mortgage, registered 6% Bond, No. 216, due December 15, 1928, interest due June 15 and December 15. Guaranteed by the Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages	1,000 00
(5)	\$1000 Equitable Building \$3,750,000 1st mortgage 6% coupon gold bonds, No. 2807-8-9-13-14, due March 15, 1940, interest due March 15 and September 15, guaranteed by the Bankers Bond and Mortgage Company, first coupon on September 15, 1927.....	5,000 00
(1)	\$500 Equitable Building \$3,750,000 1st Mortgage 6% coupon gold bond, No. 874, due March 15, 1933, interest due March 15 and September 15. Guaranteed by the Bankers Bond and Mortgage Co., first coupon on September 15, 1927	500 00
(10)	\$1000 Brooklyn and Manhattan Transit Corporation Rapid Transit Security 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Nos. 7687 to 7696, Series A, due July 1, 1968, interest due January 1 and July 1. First coupon on July 1, 1927	10,020 00
		<hr/> \$27,520 00
	Balance on hand for investment	210 35
		<hr/> \$27,730 35

We also accepted (10) \$1000 1st Mortgage Bonds on the Adelphia Hotel, maturing January 1, 1932, in exchange for 10 bonds of same amount on same property, maturing on January 1, 1927, the new bonds bearing same numbers as the old ones.

Appended is a list of the Securities now in bank in safe deposit vaults of the Franklin Trust Co.:

Par Value	Name of Security	Rate of Interest	Cost	Market Value	Interest Collected
\$5,000	Alabama Power Co....	6 %	\$5,001 25	5,200 00	300 00
5,000	Amer. Pow. & Lt. Co....	6 %	5,010 00	5,037 50	300 00
	Bethlehem Steel Co...				36 47
10,000	Bellevue-Strat. Hotel..	5¾ %	10,000 00	10,000 00	575 00
10,000	Adelphia Hotel	5¾ %	10,000 00	10,000 00	575 00
10,000	Argentine Nation	6 %	9,040 00	9,825 00	600 00
10,000	Belle Claire Apts.	6 %	10,000 00	10,000 00	600 00
	Chic. & Alton Rwy. Co.				90 00
5,000	Chicago & Northwn...	5 %	4,668 75	5,012 50	250 00
5,000	Elec. & Peop. Tr. Co...	4 %	4,800 00	3,000 00	200 00
	Greenfield Building....				353 33
5,000	Lehigh Valley Rwy. ...	4 %	4,237 50	4,250 00	200 00
2,000	Laclede Gas Lt. Co...	5½ %	1,929 00	2,080 00	110 00
10,000	Natl. Dairy Prod. Co...	6 %	9,877 50	9,962 50	600 00
1,000	N. Y., Phil. & N. R. R...	4 %	931 25	880 00	40 00
5,000	Northw. Refrig. Line...	6 %	5,000 00	5,000 00	300 00
5,000	Pennsylvania Co.	4 %	4,898 89	4,862 50	200 00
5,000	Reading Co., Jer. Cen...	4 %	4,800 00	4,625 00	200 00
500	Seaboard Air Line....	6 %	482 50	482 50	30 00
3,000	Southern Ind. Rwy. ...	4 %	2,205 00	2,400 00	120 00
5,000	Chi., Mil. & St. Paul...	5 %	4,803 50	5,000 00	250 00
10,000	Wanamaker Bldg.	5½ %	10,000 00	10,100 00	550 00
8,000	Chi., Mil. & St. Paul...	6 %	7,952 00	8,320 00	480 00
12,000	Margrace Apts.	6 %	12,000 00	12,000 00	720 00
1,000	Fifth and Bristol	6 %	1,000 00	1,000 00	27 00
11,000	Touraine Apts.	5¾ %	11,000 00	11,000 00	312 74
10,000	Bklyn.-Man. Transf. ...	6 %	10,020 00	10,000 00	108 33
5,500	Equitable Bldg.	6 %	5,500 00	5,500 00	139 39
2,500	Mtg. 2103 Diamond St...	6 %	2,500 00	2,500 00	
			\$157,657 14	\$158,037 50	\$8,267 26
Interest on Deposits					77 44
					\$8,344 70

An inventory of the property of Grand Chapter at the beginning of the year disclosed a valuation of \$7,130. The appraised value therefore today, allowing for depreciation, would be \$6,417, covered by insurance.

A detailed description of all securities listed above is on file in the office of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, subject to inspection by any member of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE B. WELLS,

DAVID J. DAVIS,

GEORGE W. SEEDS,

Trustees."

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the Minutes:

QUARTERLY REPORT.

"PHILADELPHIA, December 8, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from August 20, 1927, to November 19, 1927, inclusive, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Interest on Deposits	\$184 14	
" Interest on Investments	1,757 02	
" Sale of Ledger Sheets	32 00	
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	\$1,973 16	
Balance August 20, 1927	11,692 48	
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		\$13,665 64

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	\$30 00
" Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	2,000 00
" " D. D. Grand High Priests	529 68
" " P. G. H. P. and Other Officers.....	82 31
" " Instruction in the Work	802 74
" Printing, Postage and Stationery	396 98
" Rent	3,000 00
" Salaries	2,525 00
" Telephone Services	23 18

For Auditing	\$25 00	
" Entertaining Guests from Other Jurisdictions..	1,500 00	
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	\$10,914 89	
Balance November 19, 1927	2,750 75	
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		\$13,665 64

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they, with the assistance of Public Accountants, have examined the accounts and securities held by the Trustees, which show an invested fund of \$161,500.00, as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary for the fiscal year ending November 19, 1927, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$33,781 40	
" Certificates	8 00	
" Constitutions	5 25	
" Dispensations	20 00	
" Interest on Deposits	184 14	
" Interest on Investments	8,344 70	
" Sale of Ledger Sheets	67 00	
" Sale of Typewriter	100 00	
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	\$42,510 49	
Balance November 20, 1926	6,361 25	
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		\$48,871 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	\$120 00
" Clothing and Furniture	515 50
" Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	4,000 00
" " D. D. Grand High Priests	2,576 93
" " P. G. High Priests and Other Officers..	1,469 78
" " Instruction in the Work	3,850 36
" Investments	15,000 00
" Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	1,000 00
" Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,213 51
" Rent	3,000 00

For Salaries	\$9,300 00	
“ Telephone Services	111 11	
“ Printing Proceedings	1,302 32	
“ Entertaining Guests from Other Jurisdictions..	1,500 00	
“ Other Expenses:		
“ Auditing	\$140 00	
“ Binding Reports	26 50	
“ Bonding Officers	131 25	
“ Insurance	7 50	
“ Jewel, Past Grand High Priest	175 00	
“ Office Supplies	111 73	
“ Organist's Salary	70 00	
“ Registering Emblems	114 50	
“ Rent Safe Deposit Box	10 00	
“ Tyler's Assistant	5 00	
“ Elliott-Fisher Typewriter	370 00	
	<u>1,161 48</u>	
		\$46,120 99
Balance November 19, 1927	2,750 75	
		<u>\$48,871 74</u>
Balance on deposit in Franklin Trust Co.	2,750 75	
Charity and Emergency Relief per last report, November 20, 1926.....	\$1,410 76	
Withdrawn for Mississippi Flood Relief..	1,000 00	
	<u>\$410 76</u>	
Interest credited	39 73	
Balance on deposit in Franklin Trust Co. November 19, 1927	<u>450 49</u>	

ESTIMATES FOR 1928.

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1928:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$36,000 00	
“ Interest on Deposits	200 00	
“ Interest on Investments	8,500 00	
	<u>\$44,700 00</u>	
“ Balance November 19, 1927	2,750 75	
	<u>\$47,450 75</u>	

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Charity	\$500 00
“ Clothing and Furniture	500 00
“ Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	4,000 00
“ “ D. D. Grand High Priests	3,500 00
“ “ P. G. H. P. and Other Grand Officers..	1,500 00
“ “ Instruction in the Work	5,000 00
“ Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	1,000 00
“ Investments	10,000 00
“ Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,500 00
“ Rent	3,000 00
“ Salaries	9,350 00
“ Telephone Services	200 00
“ Printing Proceedings	1,800 00
“ Entertaining Guests from Other Jurisdictions..	1,500 00
“ Other Expenses	1,200 00
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	\$44,550 00
Estimated Balance November 20, 1928	2,900 75
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	\$47,450 75

The Committee offers the following resolutions:

“Resolved, that the above recommendations of the Committee on Finance be approved, and that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts in the foregoing estimates as they become due and payable.

Resolved, that in case of an emergency, of which the Grand Officers shall be the judge, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest is hereby authorized to draw his order on the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer against the General Fund for a sum not exceeding \$1,000.00.

Fraternally submitted,
GEORGE P. DARROW,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
ROBERT E. UMBEL,
Committee.”

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto unanimously adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 8, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed By-Laws and proposed amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the proposed By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 161 and 238 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 249 and 303 be approved.

Resolved, that the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 304 be amended, to read:

"Article IV, Section 8. The Most Excellent High Priest may appoint an Organist whose salary shall not exceed fifty dollars per year."

and, as so amended, it be approved.

Resolved, that of the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 305, the amendments to Article VI, Article VII, Section 1; Article IX, Sections 1 and 3, be approved, and that the proposed amendments to Article IV, Sections 4 and 5, be amended by striking out of Section 4 the words, "said sum shall not be changed during the year for which he was elected," and by striking out of Section 5 the words, "said sum shall not be changed during the year for which he was appointed," and that, as so amended, they each be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. PERRY,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
JAMES B. DUFFY,

Committee."

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 8, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that the contract for printing and binding the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for the year 1926 was completed by the contractor to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

The expense for this work, including postage, was \$1,302.32, which amount does not include stationery and postage necessary to the conduct of the Grand Secretary's office.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
ROBERT W. VOGT,
SAMUEL CRITCHLOW, SR.

Committee."

At the request of Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the following Companions addressed Grand Chapter:

M. E. Companion CHARLES HAMMEL, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

M. E. Companion EDWARD A. KLATTE, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut.

M. E. Companion HARRY G. POLLARD, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts.

M. E. Companion CONVERS E. LEACH, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maine.

M. E. Companion CHARLES D. MCCrackEN, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey.

M. E. Companion J. WALLACE WOODFORD, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM E. KRUPP, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia.

M. E. Companion FRANK B. WILSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Rhode Island.

M. E. Companion KENNETH J. DUNSTAN, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

R. E. Companion FRANK W. KNOWLTON, Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.

M. E. Companion FRANK E. BULLARD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

R. E. Sir BOYD A. MUSSEY, Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion JOHN F. BIRMINGHAM, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

M. E. Companion MARION H. HALL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters, announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion WARREN BENJAMIN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Utah, died April 30, 1927.

M. E. Companion JAMES ANDREW GARTLAND, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Texas, died May 18, 1927.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM WORTHINGTON ROSS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, died June 15, 1927.

M. E. Companion GEORGE WILLIAM LYNCH, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Utah, died August 19, 1927.

M. E. Companion EMMET LINDSAY PETTIT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, died August 28, 1927.

M. E. Companion JAMES B. ADAMS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, died August 31, 1927.

M. E. Companion CHARLES NORTHRUP RICE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, died September 2, 1927.

M. E. Companion JOHN T. JOHNSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, died September 5, 1927.

R. E. Companion EDWARD BAXTER NEAVE, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, died September 7, 1927.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM T. BRIDWELL, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, died September 29, 1927.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM TAYLOR WORKMAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, died October 17, 1927.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM STRATTON WARE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida, died October 23, 1927.

E. Companion JAMES PINK CAGLE, Grand Tyler of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, died October 31, 1927.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at five o'clock P. M.

Joseph E. Quincy
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, DECEMBER 27, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

The Annual Grand Communication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging was held this evening.

PRESENT:

- Comp. WALTON K. SWETLAND,.....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
- “ AUGUST P. KUNZIG,.....*M. E. Grand King.*
- “ THOMAS N. MCKEE,.....*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
- “ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
- “ JOSEPH E. QUINBY,.....*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
- “ EDGAR A. TENNIS,.....
- “ GEORGE B. WELLS,.....
- “ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,....
- “ JOSEPH E. QUINBY,.....
- “ GEORGE P. DABROW,.....
- “ ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH,....
- “ ROBERT G. SMITH,.....
- “ WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR.,....
- “ J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER,.....
- “ CHARLES H. WEAVER,.....
- “ EDMUND W. BOOTS,.....
- “ WILLIAM B. CHALFANT,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
- “ EDWARD W. RUSHTON,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
- “ FRANCIS M. TAITT,.....*Grand Chaplain.*
- “ P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER,.....*Grand Captain of the Host.*
- “ ROBERT D. COLE,.....*as Grand Principal Sojourner.*
- “ WILLIAM B. KROPP,.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
- “ ELMER C. WATT,.....*Grand Master of Third Vail.*
- “ IRVIN BRANDEIS,.....*as Grand Master of Second Vail.*
- “ AUGUST H. SCHELL,.....*as Grand Master of First Vail.*
- “ HERBERT RUSSELL LAIRD,....*Grand Marshal.*
- “ WILLIAM F. GOODWIN,.....*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
- “ FRANK R. LEECH,.....*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
- “ WALTER M. CARWITHEN,....*Grand Pursuivant.*
- “ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,.....*Grand Tyler.*

Companions of Chapters Numbers:—3, 43, 52, 91, 167, 169, 175, 177, 182, 183, 185, 192, 198, 208, 220, 222, 226, 232, 234, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 247, 248, 251, 256, 258, 262, 263, 282, 284 and 307. (34 Chapters, 71 members. Visitors—Three from Pennsylvania.)

Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest, directed the M. E. Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives, when the following were recorded present:

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

" WILLIAM McCOMBS, of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of the Grand Chapter of California.

" SAMUEL SHAW, of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

" EDMUND W. BOOTS, of the Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.

" WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, of the Grand Chapter of Florida.

" THOMAS N. MCKEE, of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

" GEORGE B. WELLS, of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

" ROBERT D. COLE, of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

" JOHN A. PERBY, of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

" FRANK F. MATHERS, of the Grand Chapter of Kansas.

" CHARLES H. WEAVER, of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

" GEORGE P. DARROW, of the Grand Chapter of Maryland.

" ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

" WALTON K. SWETLAND, of the Grand Chapter of Montana.

" FRANK M. DEALY, of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

" AUGUST P. KUNZIG, of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

" HARRY S. WRIGHT, of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales.

" THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

" WILLIAM J. PATERSON, of the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

" WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

" P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held Thursday, December 8, 1927, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 227 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, when on motion the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

"PHILADELPHIA, December 27, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

MY DEAR M. E. SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws have examined the proposed amendment to the By-Laws referred to them, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 227 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. PERRY,

FENTON A. MIDDLETON,

WILLIAM R. SUTCH,

JAMES B. DUFFY,

Committee."

Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest addressed Grand Chapter as follows:

Beloved Officers and Companions, Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania:

One short year ago I was installed M. E. Grand High Priest and took up the scepter of Grand Chapter. In my inaugural address I pledged to you the best of my ability, my time and energy to carry on the great work of Grand Chapter and to maintain its dignity and supremacy. It now becomes my duty to render you an account of the activities of Grand Chapter during this period. It is doubtful if any like period of time in our history has witnessed greater advancements in the standing and influence of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction. It is therefore with a heart full of gratitude and thanks to our Heavenly Father for his manifold Blessings that I submit the following report of my administration.

NECROLOGY.

During the past year Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has been extremely fortunate. Only once the Grim Reaper visited the Official Family of Grand Chapter. With sorrow it becomes my duty to announce the death of Companion MURRAY GORGAS on March 9, 1927. Companion GORGAS was a Past High Priest of Temple Royal Arch Chapter, No. 248, and a member of the Committee on Printing and Publishing. He was Marked in Temple Royal Arch Chapter, No. 248, on December 16, 1902; Received and Accepted January 20, 1903, and Exalted March 17, 1903.

He served as Scribe of his Chapter in 1905, King in 1906, and M. E. High Priest in 1907.

Companion GORGAS served on the Committee on Printing and Publishing since 1909. He was active in his duties, always loyal to Capitular Masonry, using his every effort to promote peace and harmony among his Companions. We sincerely mourn his loss.

To our Sister Jurisdictions, who have suffered the loss of so many distinguished Companions in their several Grand Chapters, we extend our deepest sympathy, and commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The wise and judicious system of holding District Meetings once each year in each of the Districts of the State, inaugurated by M. E. Past Grand High Priest and M. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, practiced and carried on by my predecessors since that time, has, I am happy to state, become a fixed policy of Grand Chapter.

When I was installed your M. E. Grand High Priest I declared in my address with reference to this subject as follows: "Therefore, until some good Companion can

show me a better way, I shall to the best of my ability carry on the great work." Pursuing this policy, such Meetings have been held in each of the twenty-six Districts of the State during the past year. Three of the Chapters of the Districts, selected by the District Deputies, rehearsed the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason in the presence of the Grand Officers and under the careful and scrutinizing direction of Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work of Grand Chapter.

Although in carrying out this system it imposes upon the Grand Officers a very heavy burden in labor and time, yet it has been cheerfully given by them in the past year, and I here acknowledge my deep appreciation of the very loyal and unstinted support of the Officers of Grand Chapter in carrying on this work. The District Deputies in each and every District are entitled to great credit for the manner in which they have so successfully planned and carried on these District Meetings. At each of the District Meetings one of the Chapters has acted as host to the Grand Officers and have anticipated every desire and royally entertained them upon every occasion, all of which has made these Meetings enjoyable and happy.

DISTRICT A.

March 17, 1927, held at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Keystone Royal Arch Chapter, No. 175, acting as Host.

It was my great misfortune to be unable to attend this Meeting. I was represented by the M. E. Grand King, Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, who reports the following:

Grand Officers Present:—Companions THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest; GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Past Grand

High Priest; ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, ROBERT G. SMITH and ALFRED C. MARPLE, District Deputy Grand High Priests; WILLIAM B. KROPP, Grand Royal Arch Captain; WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies; FRANK R. LEECH, Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies; WALTER M. CARWITHEN, Grand Pursuivant; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; IRVIN BRANDEIS, Principal, and CLARENCE R. BROOKS and AUGUST H. SCHELL, of the Philadelphia School of Instruction.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 284, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 243, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 307. The address of the evening was made by Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer.

The rehearsal of the Degrees was very impressive, deliberate and almost perfect. The Companions rehearsing the Degrees were ably supported by the officers of their respective Chapters. Twelve Chapters were represented by the one hundred fifty-two Companions present.

Companion ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports eleven visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT B.

March 26, 1927, held at Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, and Oriental Royal Arch Chapter, No. 183, acting as Hosts.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; WILLIAM B. KROPP, Grand R. A. Captain; LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR., Grand Master Second Vail; WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies; FRANK R.

LEECH, Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies; WALTER M. CARWITHEN, Grand Pursuivant; ROBERT G. SMITH, ALFRED C. MARPLE, WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., District Deputy Grand High Priests; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; IRVIN BRANDEIS, Principal; HENRY S. HAZLETT, BENJAMIN BISWANGER, CLARENCE R. BROOKS, GEORGE W. KURTZ, AUGUST H. SCHELL, Philadelphia School of Instruction.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 183, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 3, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 251. The address of the evening was delivered by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

The work of the several Chapters in the rehearsal of these Degrees was beyond criticism; the presiding officer in each Degree, as well as his fellow workers, being almost perfect. The impressive manner, plain and clear enunciation was noticeable and very pleasing. The one hundred twenty-five Companions present were full of enthusiasm and made this a successful meeting.

Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports twenty-three visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 5.

March 28, 1927, held at Catasauqua, Catasauqua R. A. Chapter, No. 278, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain; CHARLES R. ROBERTS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 203, the Degree of Most Excellent Master

Mason by Chapter No. 278, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 302. The rehearsal of the Mark Degree by Allen Chapter, No. 203, shows a very-marked improvement over former years and was very commendable. The balance of the work of the other Degrees was not satisfactory; the officers required constant prompting by the Director of Work, which exhibits, in a marked degree, lack of proper instruction. Promise of more serious work and effort on the part of the Companions indicate a desire for better results in the future. The address of the evening was delivered by Companion WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain.

Companion CHARLES R. ROBERTS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports fourteen visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 23.

March 29, 1927, held at Stroudsburg, Monroe Royal Arch Chapter, No. 281, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain; HARVEY F. PEIFLY, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 216, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 281, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 274. The work of all the officers of these Chapters was almost one hundred per cent. perfect. The manner of delivery, the precision of the floor work was very commendable and reflects much credit upon the District Deputy Grand High Priest. The address of the evening was delivered by Companion WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain.

The genial hospitality and genuine Fraternal spirit existing in this new District was very gratifying to the Grand Officers. The excellent rendition of the authorized work made this meeting a pleasant occasion.

Companion HARVEY F. PEIFLY, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports twenty-seven visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 6.

March 30, 1927, held at Carbondale, Eureka Loyal Arch Chapter, No. 179, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain; CHARLES H. TILTON and CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priests; P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, Grand Captain of the Host; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 185, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 180, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 204. The address of the evening was made by Companion WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain.

Every Chapter in the District was represented by a goodly delegation at this meeting. The work of the presiding officer in each of the Degrees clearly demonstrated that they were in possession of the authorized work of Grand Chapter, and were ably assisted by their Companions on the floor. Our entertainment left nothing to be desired, and the conditions in this District are very commendable.

Companion CHARLES H. TILTON, District Deputy Grand

High Priest, has failed to report any visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 7.

March 31, 1927, held at Plymouth, Valley Royal Arch Chapter, No. 214, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain; CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priest; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 242, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 277, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 182. The address of the evening was made by Companion WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Degrees at this Meeting as a whole was very creditable, however not quite up to the standard of perfection, in that some of the officers on the floor became confused and exhibited lack of close attention to instructions. The floor work of the officers of the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was correctly done. The excellent manner in which Companion ROBERT T. PAESLER, High Priest of Shekinah Royal Arch Chapter, rehearsed the Degree of Royal Arch Mason demands special praise. He was practically perfect in words and delivery. The general feeling of Fraternal unity and co-operation reflects great credit upon the District Deputy Grand High Priest in this the largest District in the State.

Companion CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports sixty-four visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 8.

April 1, 1927, held at Ashland, Griscom Royal Arch Chapter, No. 219, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, District Deputy Grand High Priest; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 177, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 196, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 219. Companion R. C. WALKER, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Pottsville, delivered an eloquent, inspiring and instructive address. This act of kindness on his part in the absence of our Grand Chaplain was very much appreciated by the Grand Officers and Companions.

There were in attendance at this Meeting one hundred sixty-two Companions in the Chapter Hall, and it was stated that this was the first visitation of Grand Officers since the Chapter was constituted in 1868. It was a pleasure, indeed, to witness the very correct rendition of the authorized work by the several Chapters. The spirit of genuine good fellowship and true Masonic enthusiasm was everywhere present, and the conditions in the District are commendable.

Companion GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports fourteen visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 12.

April 2, 1927, held at Bellefonte, Bellefonte Royal Arch Chapter, No. 241, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K.

SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; JAMES H. REEDER and WILLIAM R. BURCHFIELD, District Deputy Grand High Priests; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 261, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 222, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 241. The address of the evening was delivered by M. E. Grand King, Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, his theme being "Grand Chapter." It was a very instructive and pleasing address to the Companions present.

The work of the officers in rehearsal of the various Degrees was very near perfection, lacking only in some minor details of the floor work. It was apparent they are in possession of the authorized work.

We were especially honored at this Meeting by the presence of Companion WILSON I. FLEMING, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and Companion S. CARBON WOLFE, Past M. P. Grand Master of Grand Council R. & S. M. of Pennsylvania. It was a grand and successful Meeting.

Companion JAMES H. REEDER, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports seven visits to the Chapters in his District.

Sunday, April 3, 1927, we journeyed to Williamsport, the home of Companion HERBERT RUSSELL LAIRD, Grand Marshal. We found elegant quarters reserved for us at the Hotel Lycoming. We were met by a large number of Companions of Lycoming Chapter, No. 222, and the Grand Marshal and District Deputy Grand High Priest, Companion REEDER, took charge of us.

This was a Red-Letter Day in the annals of entertainment of Grand Officers. A very pleasant lunch hour was

spent at the Country Club, after which the visitors were driven over the beautiful city and enjoyed a sumptuous dinner at the Lycoming Hotel. It was a day long to be remembered, a wonderful contribution to our enjoyment. Words fail to express my own appreciation of this testimonial of love and esteem in which the Grand Officers are held by the loyal Companions of Lycoming Chapter No. 222.

DISTRICT 9.

April 4, 1927, held at Watson town, Warrior Run Royal Arch Chapter, No. 246, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain; WILLIAM R. BURCHFIELD and CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priests; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 298, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 174, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 239. The address of the evening was made by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain, in his usual and impressive manner.

In the rehearsal of the Degrees at this Meeting the floor work in the Mark Degree was very creditable. The work of the presiding officer disclosed a lack of knowledge of the material parts of the work. The rehearsal of the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was almost perfection, and the spirit of eagerness on the part of all participants to acquire the authorized work, complete in details, was very commendable. The attendance of one hundred sixty-two in this District of small Chapters speaks volumes for the popularity and untiring labor of the new District Deputy Grand High Priest, the District

having been without a regular Deputy for the past two years. The general condition of the District is very encouraging.

Companion WILLIAM R. BURCHFIELD, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports twenty-seven visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 4.

April 5, 1927, held at Columbia, Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 224, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain; JOHN H. BENNETT, District Deputy Grand High Priest; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 224, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 266, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 310. The address of the evening was delivered by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Degrees in this District fully maintain the reputation heretofore established. It was an exhibition of perfect work, leaving nothing to be desired. The officers rehearsing the work, with few exceptions, were the regular officers of the Chapters, full of enthusiasm and genuine Fraternal spirit, which reflects great credit upon the zeal and energy of the most efficient District Deputy. The attendance in the Chapter Hall was eighty-six.

Companion JOHN H. BENNETT, District Deputy Grand Priest, has made no report of visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 1.

April 6, 1927, held at Lansdale, Lansdale Royal Arch Chapter No. 301, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain; FRANK R. LEECH, Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies; WALTER M. CARWITHEN, Grand Pursuivant; J. HOWARD S. BARNES, District Deputy Grand High Priest; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; IRVIN BRANDEIS, Philadelphia School of Instruction.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 220, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 270, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 245. The address of the evening was by Companion WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain.

In the rehearsal of the Degree of Mark Master Mason we witnessed an exhibition of one hundred per cent. perfection in every detail. The other work was almost perfect, being only marred by slight errors, and few of those. It was exceedingly pleasant to observe the wonderful spirit of Fraternalism. The condition of the District as a whole is very satisfactory, reflecting great credit upon the District Deputy.

Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, District Deputy Grand High Priest, has made no report of visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 2.

April 7, 1927, held at Media, Media Royal Arch Chapter, No. 234, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG,

M. E. Grand King; THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GEORGE B. WELLS, GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Past Grand High Priests; WILLIAM J. BYRNES, District Deputy Grand High Priest; FRANK R. LEECH, Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies; EDWARD W. RUSHTON and WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplains; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; IRVIN BRANDEIS, Principal, Philadelphia School of Instruction.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 275, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 223, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 202. The address of the evening was delivered by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Degrees was almost perfect in every detail, the genuine Fraternal spirit was everywhere present, the entertainment royal. And why not? It is the home of the M. E. Grand Secretary, whose presence is always productive of such results.

Companion WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports twenty-six visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT C.

April 9, 1927, held at Philadelphia, Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 250, and Kensington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 233, acting as Hosts.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; ALFRED C. MARPLE, ROBERT G. SMITH and CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priests; WILLIAM B. KROPP, Grand Royal Arch Captain; LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR., Grand Master Second Vail; WILLIAM F.

GOODWIN, Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies; FRANK R. LEECH, Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies; WALTER M. CARWITHEN, Grand Pursuivant; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; IRVIN BRANDEIS, Principal; AUGUST H. SCHELL, GEORGE W. KURTZ, BENJAMIN BISWANGER, Philadelphia School of Instruction.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 250, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 91, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 233. The address of the evening was made by Companion JOHN G. WILSON, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Degrees was by the regular officers of the Chapters except three appointive officers. The work was very near perfection. A few errors in detail, which were of no great importance, disclose that the authorized work of Grand Chapter is well known in this District. Such Fraternal spirit and enthusiasm and royal entertainment reflect great credit upon the efficiency of the District Deputy.

Companion ALFRED C. MARPLE, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports nineteen visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 3.

September 9, 1927, held at Lebanon, Weidle Royal Arch Chapter, No. 197, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain; J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, District Deputy Grand High Priest; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 271, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 152, the Royal Arch Degree by

Chapter No. 197. The address of the evening was made by Companion GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Degrees as a whole was well done, and the officers and members were enthusiastic and disclosed great anxiety to learn and perfect themselves in the work. The future prospects give promise of better results. We were pleased to have with us at this meeting Companion CHARLES D. WEIRICK, P. M. P. Grand Master of Grand Council R. & S. M. of Pennsylvania.

Companion J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, District Deputy Grand Priest, reports twenty-five visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 10.

September 10, 1927, held at Harrisburg, Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter, No. 21, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain; ARTHUR W. GILLAN, District Deputy Grand High Priest; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work. The address of the evening was made by Companion GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 238, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 171, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 21.

The work in the rehearsal of the Degrees as a whole is seldom equalled and could not be excelled. Every Chapter represented; attendance, one hundred forty-four. The atmosphere of unity and concord, the excellent entertainment, left an impression long to be remembered.

The distinguished personnel of visitors present at this meeting was an inspiration. Companion JOHN E.

SWEENEY, D. D. Grand Master District No. 3; Companion CLYDE P. LOVE, Senior Grand Warden Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; Companion ARTHUR D. BACON, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; Companions SAMUEL E. BASHORE, P. M. P. Grand Master Grand Council R. & S. M. of Pennsylvania; GEORGE A. GORGAS, P. M. P. Grand Master Grand Council R. & S. M. of Pennsylvania, all of whom addressed the meeting. There was also present Companion SAMUEL H. SIMON, P. H. P. of Perseverance Chapter, No. 21, who served as High Priest in 1873.

Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports five visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 11.

September 12, 1927, held at Johnstown, Portage Royal Arch Chapter, No. 195, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain; ROY C. STORMER, District Deputy Grand High Priest; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 166, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 189, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 195. The address of the evening was made by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

All the Chapters in the District were represented except Bedford Chapter, No. 255, with no explanation for absence. There were present in the Chapter Hall one hundred fifty-six enthusiastic loyal Companions. The work of rehearsals was very creditable and, best of all,

exhibited a desire on the part of the participants to further perfect themselves. The general condition in the District is very satisfactory. Our entertainment left nothing to be desired.

Companion ROY C. STORMER, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports seventeen visits to Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 19.

September 13, 1927, held at Connellsville, Connellsville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 283, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; THOMAS N. MCKEE, M. E. Grand Scribe; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; JOHN M. CORE, Past Grand High Priest; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain; ROBERT E. UMBEL, EDMUND W. BOOTS, District Deputy Grand High Priests; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 192, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 165, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 164. The address of the evening was made by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Degrees was practically perfect and reflects credit upon the very efficient District Deputy. All Chapters in the District were represented, and one hundred forty-nine Companions were present, who gave us a rousing reception and entertainment, leaving nothing to be desired.

Companion ROBERT E. UMBEL, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports eight visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 15.

September 14, 1927, held at Brookville, Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 225, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; THOMAS N. MCKEE, M. E. Grand Scribe; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain; RUSSELL RUDOLPH, JOHN P. ANDERSON, District Deputy Grand High Priests; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 225, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 247, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 259. The address of the evening was delivered by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Degrees show a remarkable improvement in this District. I cannot refrain from making special mention of the work of Eden Royal Arch Chapter, No. 259, in rehearsing the Royal Arch Degree, scarcely a misspoken word or error in floor work. It was a grand and glorious Meeting, attended by one hundred sixty-eight Companions, with every Chapter in the District represented. The condition in this District is very promising.

Companion RUSSELL RUDOLPH, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports twenty-four visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 18.

September 15, 1927, held at Wilkinsburg, Wilkinsburg Royal Arch Chapter, No. 285, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; JOSEPH E. QUINBY,

M. E. Grand Secretary; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain; RALPH C. MINEHART, Grand Principal Sojourner; EDMUND W. BOOTS, GEORGE W. RODGERS, District Deputy Grand High Priests; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; JOHN BELL, JR., WILLIAM MEYER, School of Instruction of Pittsburgh.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 282, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 289, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 306. The address of the evening was by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Degrees in this District was another exhibition of perfection. It was inspiring beyond description. A further remarkable and commendable circumstance was the presence of seventy-four working officers of the seven Chapters in the District, supported by twelve Past High Priests in attendance. Every Chapter in the District was represented. This record will be hard to beat. It was indeed a wonderful meeting.

Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports forty visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 17.

September 16, 1927, held at Crafton, Crafton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 312, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain; RALPH C. MINEHART, Grand Principal Sojourner; JAMES W. MYERS, EDMUND W. BOOTS, GEORGE W. RODGERS, District Deputy Grand High Priests; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Principal; WILLIAM MEYER, Pittsburgh School of Instruction.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 150, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 294, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 280. The address of the evening was delivered by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Degrees was superb on the part of every participant, leaving no opportunity for preferment. With perfect enunciation and impressive delivery, it was an inspiration to every Companion present, and many well-deserved comments were heard. Every Chapter in the District was represented, and one hundred fifty-one enthusiastic Companions attended the Meeting.

A very pleasing innovation in the line of District Meetings occurred at this Meeting. R. Ex. Companion HENRY GRUEN, Grand R. A. Captain of Grand Chapter of Ohio, accompanied by twenty-two members of East Liverpool Chapter, No. 100, made a visitation to Crafton Chapter. Their presence and genuine Fraternal feeling made this occasion one never to be forgotten by the Companions present.

Companion JAMES W. MYERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports thirty-five visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 16.

September 17, 1927, held at Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, Bellefield Royal Arch Chapter, No. 299, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain; RALPH C. MINEHART, Grand Principal Sojourner; GEORGE W. RODGERS, EDMUND W. BOOTS, JAMES

W. MYERS, District Deputy Grand High Priests; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Principal; WILLIAM MEYER, JOHN W. BRANDON, Pittsburgh School of Instruction.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 286, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 299, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 288. The address of the evening was by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain.

In the rehearsal of the Degrees of Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Mason the work was not satisfactory, disclosing lack of attention to instructions. Promises of better results gives us hope for the future. The work of the Royal Arch Degree was correct and impressive. All Chapters in the District were represented, and our entertainment was very pleasing, indeed, reflecting great credit upon the very efficient District Deputy.

We were favored by the presence of Companion WILLIAM J. DIEHL, Past Grand Commander of Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; Companion SION B. SMITH, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 32, both of whom addressed the Meeting.

Companion GEORGE W. RODGERS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports sixty-one visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 20.

September 19, 1927, held at New Castle, Delta Royal Arch Chapter, No. 170, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain; CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, EDMUND W. BOOTS, District

Deputy Grand High Priests; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 212, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 167, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 244. The address of the evening was delivered by Companion GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Degrees in this District was another exhibition of 100 per cent. perfection. There was everywhere present the fine feeling of Fraternity and loyal co-operation. All Chapters in the District were represented. There has been a remarkable improvement in the work of the Chapters in this District. The condition at present is most gratifying and speaks volumes for the efficient service of the District Deputy.

Companion CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports fourteen visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 22.

September 20, 1927, held at Warren, Occidental Royal Arch Chapter, No. 235, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain; WILLIAM F. BENNETT, District Deputy Grand High Priest; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 236, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 207, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 211. Companion GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain, delivered a very interesting address.

The rehearsal of the Degrees of Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Mason was very unsatisfactory, showing a serious need of instruction in the work. The rehearsal of the Royal Arch Degree was very near perfection, the officers were enthusiastic, the manner of delivery and floor work was only marred by slight error in details. All Chapters in the District were represented.

Companion WILLIAM F. BENNETT, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports three visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 21.

September 21, 1927, held at Corry, Columbus Royal Arch Chapter, No. 200, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain; PETER BARKEY, District Deputy Grand High Priest; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 191, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Companion JAMES EVANS, King of Chapter No. 215, assisted by Companions present, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 215. The address of the evening was made by Companion GEORGE W. WELLBURN, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Degree of Mark Master Mason was very creditable, and the Companions exhibited the true spirit and desire to perfect themselves in the work. The Royal Arch Degree was practically perfect with very slight errors in floor work in minor matters. The meeting was very enthusiastic and maintained the former reputation of the District in all respects. Seventy-seven

Companions were present and all Chapters in the District represented except Oriental Chapter, No. 187.

This Chapter was scheduled to rehearse the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason, notwithstanding, not a single member of the Chapter appeared at the Meeting and to the present time no excuse has been offered for such delinquency. This total disregard of duty and entire lack of respect for constituted authority approaches very closely the line of contumacy and must not be passed lightly.

Companion PETER BARKEY, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports two visits to the Chapters in his District.

DISTRICT 13.

September 22, 1927, held at Kane, Kane Royal Arch Chapter, No. 279, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain; JOHN P. ANDERSON, District Deputy Grand High Priest; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 260, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 227, the Royal Arch Degree by Chapter No. 230. The address of the evening was by Companion FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain.

The rehearsal of the Mark Degree was by Companion JOSEPH HINEMAN, acting Worshipful Master, the Scribe I excused on account of sickness and death in his family. The rehearsal of the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was by the regular King and officers of the Chapter. The work in these two Degrees was very creditable; the officers were somewhat confused but showed their

anxiety and willingness to learn. The Royal Arch Degree was practically perfect, some slight errors occurring which reduced it below perfection. All Chapters in the District were represented and seventy Companions were present. The Meeting was very enthusiastic. Through no fault of the District Deputy there has crept into the District more or less apathy which the Companions promise to correct.

Companion JOHN P. ANDERSON, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports twenty-one visits to the Chapters of his District.

DISTRICT 14.

September 23, 1927, held at Wellsboro, Tyoga Royal Arch Chapter, No. 194, acting as Host.

Grand Officers Present:—Companions WALTON K. SWETLAND, M. E. Grand High Priest; AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain; FREDERICK J. WANDALL, District Deputy Grand High Priest; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The Degree of Mark Master Mason was rehearsed by Chapter No. 296, the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason by Chapter No. 265, the Royal Arch Degree (in part) by Chapter No. 194. The address of the evening was by Companion FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain.

In the rehearsal of the Degrees in this District we ran counter to the Mansfield Fair and were badly handicapped, it being an annual event in that county. The Degree of Mark Master Mason was very well done approaching perfection. The Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was practically correct in every way and a very creditable exhibition on the part of the Companions. I cannot refrain from mentioning that eleven members of Arnold Chapter, No. 254, drove a distance of

more than sixty miles to attend this Meeting although having no part assigned to them in the rehearsal. Exhibitions of such loyalty make our burdens lighter and cheer us on the way.

The attempt to rehearse the Royal Arch Degree exhibited a lamentable condition of lethargy and indifference. To the credit of the M. E. High Priest I am happy to say he is in possession of the authorized work of Grand Chapter. The District Deputy in this District has been untiring in his efforts to rejuvenate this Chapter but without success. Such absolute disregard of duty on the part of a whole Chapter cannot be permitted and drastic measures may be resorted to.

Companion FREDERICK J. WANDALL, District Deputy Grand High Priest, reports fifteen visits to the Chapters in his District.

District Deputy Grand High Priests have reported visits to Chapters as follows:

DISTRICT	VISITS	DISTRICT	VISITS	DISTRICT	VISITS	DISTRICT	VISITS
A.....	11	5.....	14	12.....	7	19.....	8
B.....	23	6.....		13.....	21	20.....	14
C.....	19	7.....	64	14.....	15	21.....	2
1.....		8.....	14	15.....	24	22.....	3
2.....	26	9.....	27	16.....	61	23.....	27
3.....	26	10.....	5	17.....	35		—
4.....		11.....	17	18.....	40	Total...	503

		DEGREES REHEARSED									
		HELD AT		DISTRICT DEPUTY		MARK		MOST EXCELLENT		ROYAL ARCH	
DIST. No.	DATE										
A	March 17	Philadelphia		Albert S. Houldsworth		284		243		307	
B	March 26	Philadelphia		Robert G. Smith		183		3		251	
5	March 28	Catasauqua		Charles R. Roberts		203		278		302	
23	March 29	Stroudsburg		Harvey F. Peify		216		281		274	
6	March 30	Carbondale		Charles H. Tilton		185		180		204	
7	March 31	Plymouth		Charles H. Weaver		242		277		182	
8	April 1	Ashland		Gustav A. Muehlhof		177		196		219	
12	April 2	Bellefonte		James H. Reeder		261		222		241	
9	April 4	Watsonstown		William R. Burchfield		298		174		239	
4	April 5	Columbia		John H. Bennett		224		266		310	
1	April 6	Lansdale		J. Howard S. Barnes		220		270		245	
2	April 7	Media		William J. Byrnes, Jr.		275		223		202	
C	April 9	Philadelphia		Alfred C. Marple		250		91		233	
3	Sept. 9	Lebanon		J. Edward Billheimer		271		152		197	
10	Sept. 10	Harrisburg		Arthur W. Gillan		238		171		21	
11	Sept. 12	Johnstown		Roy C. Stormer		166		189		195	
19	Sept. 13	Connellsville		Robert E. Umbel		192		165		164	
15	Sept. 14	Brookville		Russell Rudolph		225		247		259	
18	Sept. 15	Wilkinsburg		Edmund W. Boots		282		289		306	
17	Sept. 16	Crafton		James W. Myers		150		294		280	
16	Sept. 17	Pittsburgh		George W. Rodgers		286		299		288	
20	Sept. 19	New Castle		Chauncey N. Shilling		212		167		244	
22	Sept. 20	Warren		William F. Bennett		236		207		211	
21	Sept. 21	Corry		Peter Barkey		191		215		215	
13	Sept. 22	Kane		John P. Anderson		260		227		230	
14	Sept. 23	Wellsboro		Frederick J. Wandall		296		265		194	

			DEGREES REHEARSED					
			HELD AT		MARK	EXCELLENT	ROYAL ARCH	
Dist. No.	Date			District Deputy				
A	March 17	Philadelphia	Albert S. Houldsworth	284	243	307		
B	March 26	Philadelphia	Robert G. Smith	183	3	251		
C	April 9	Philadelphia	Alfred C. Marple	250	91	233		
1	April 6	Lansdale	J. Howard S. Barnes	220	270	245		
2	April 7	Media	William J. Byrnes, Jr.	275	223	202		
3	Sept. 9	Lebanon	J. Edward Billheimer	271	152	197		
4	April 5	Columbia	John H. Bennett	224	266	310		
5	March 28	Catasauqua	Charles R. Roberts	203	278	302		
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VISITATIONS.

December 29, 1926. Accompanied by Companions AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GEORGE B. WELLS and GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. Past Grand High Priests, I attended the Annual Banquet of Joshua Association. We were most cordially received by Companion CHARLES R. DOB-
BYN and royally entertained.

January 15, 1927. I paid an official visit to University Royal Arch Chapter, No. 256, at the celebration of its Fiftieth Anniversary. I was accompanied by Companions AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; ALFRED C. MARPLE, ROBERT G. SMITH, District Deputy Grand High Priests; ELMER C. WATT, Grand Master Third Vail; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; Companion JOHN C. F. KITSELMAN, High Priest of Apollo Chapter, No. 307. In the evening a banquet was served at Elks Hotel attended by about twelve hundred Companions, where we were privileged to listen to three remarkable addresses, entirely different from each other. It was a glorious reception and entertainment.

January 17, 1927. I visited Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, accompanied by Companions AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; ROBERT G. SMITH, District Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion JOHN C. F. KITSELMAN, High Priest of Apollo Chapter, No. 307. The Degree of Mark Master Mason was conferred by Companion S. KRIEDER KENT, King, in perfect manner.

January 28, 1927. I visited Coudersport Royal Arch Chapter, No. 263, accompanied by Companions AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; GEORGE W. WELLBURN, EDWARD

W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplains; Companion WILLIAM B. KROPP, Grand Royal Arch Captain; LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR., Grand Master of Second Vail; WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies; FREDERICK J. WANDALL, CHARLES H. WEAVER, District Deputy Grand High Priests. The Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was rehearsed by the officers of Arnold Royal Arch Chapter, No. 254, in almost perfect form. In the evening the Chapters of the 14th District tendered to me a Testimonial Dinner attended by two hundred and twenty-four Companions and visitors. Wonderful addresses were made by several Companions and the many encomiums thrown upon the Grand High Priest was almost overpowering. It was a wonderful compliment and I know it was duly appreciated.

March 4, 1927. I visited Harmony Royal Arch Chapter, No. 52, accompanied by Companions AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest; WILLIAM B. KROPP, Grand Royal Arch Captain; ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH and FREDERICK J. WANDALL, District Deputy Grand High Priests; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

A generous banquet was served before the meeting and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was conferred upon eighteen candidates by Companion J. WALLACE RADCLIFFE, King, in very impressive and correct manner. This meeting was honored by the presence of two of the surviving M. E. Past Grand High Priests, both of whom are members of this Chapter—a rare occasion, indeed.

October 18, 1927. I visited Shamokin Royal Arch Chapter, No. 264, accompanied by Companions GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF and WILLIAM R. BURCHFIELD, District

Deputy Grand High Priests. The Degree of Royal Arch Mason was conferred by the regular officers of the Chapter in their respective stations and places. The work left nothing to be desired. My entertainment was royal and Fraternal.

November 19, 1927. Accompanied by Companions AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain; GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest; J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, District Deputy Grand High Priest, I visited Reading Royal Arch Chapter, No. 152, and participated in the celebration of its One Hundredth Anniversary. Companion JONATHAN S. BRINTZENHOFF delivered an excellent history of the Chapter, its growth and progress. A faultless turkey dinner was served in the dining room of the Temple and an interesting address was delivered by Companion EDWARD W. RUSHTON, Grand Chaplain. Our entertainment was a wonderful exhibition of Fraternal love and affection.

December 7, 1927. I attended the Annual Banquet of Tristram B. Freeman Royal Arch Chapter, No. 243, in the grand banquet room at Masonic Temple. I was accompanied by AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King. We were most cordially received and entertained, and a pleasing incident was the presentation to the retiring High Priest, JOHN ENGLISH, of a fitting token of the esteem of his Companions for his valuable services to this Chapter.

December 12, 1927. Accompanied by Companions WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain, I visited Howell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 202, at West Chester. The officers were installed by Companion WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., District Deputy Grand High Priest. A very impressive address by Companion MICHEALS, Grand

Chaplain. We were honored upon that occasion by the presence of Companion J. WALLACE WOODFORD, M. E. Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, who was accompanied by JOHN P. LE FEVRE, Grand Royal Arch Captain of Delaware, who presented to Howell Chapter a beautiful crayon portrait of his grandfather, CHARLES M. HOWELL, charter member of, and for whom the Chapter was named. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

December 13, 1927. I visited Chester Royal Arch Chapter, No. 258, at its Annual Meeting and celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary. I was accompanied by Companions THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest; FRANCIS M. TAITT, Grand Chaplain. An elegant and pleasing dinner was served in the banquet hall of the Temple, and the address by Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer, was in his usual eloquent and forceful manner. Our entertainment left nothing to be desired.

December 22, 1927. I visited Coudersport Royal Arch Chapter, No. 263, accompanied by FREDERICK J. WANDALL, District Deputy Grand High Priest, where I had the very great pleasure of installing my son, W. ROBLEY SWETLAND, M. E. High Priest of that Chapter, for the ensuing Masonic year.

INVITATIONS DECLINED.

Previous engagements which I was unable to cancel prevented my acceptance of the following invitations:

April 9, 1927. To attend dinner tendered by Amity Chapter, No. 160, to M. E. Companion CHARLES HAMMEL, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, State of New York.

April 9, 1927. To attend One Hundred Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine.

November 26, 1927. To attend the Sixty-first Annual Banquet of Allen Royal Arch Chapter, No. 203.

November 25, 1927. To attend stated meeting of Philadelphia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 169.

APPOINTMENTS—GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

March 5, 1927. R. Ex. Comp. EDWARD H. MARTIN as Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of State of New York.

March 26, 1927. V. Ex. Comp. FREDERICK BUSSMAN as Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales.

May 19, 1927. Companion DAVID C. MANES, as Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas.

October 31, 1927. Ex. Comp. ROY G. WEBB as Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa.

December 8, 1927. R. Ex. Comp. FRANK W. KNOWLTON as Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec.

GRAND CHAPTER.

May 4, 1927. I appointed Past High Priest Companion SAMUEL CRITCHLOW, SR., a member of Committee on Printing and Publishing vice MURRAY GORGAS, deceased.

DEGREES CONFERRED BY COURTESY.

February 16, 1927. At the request of M. Ex. Companion KENNETH J. DUNSTAN, Grand Z of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada, I was pleased to authorize Bradford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 260, to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon Companion E. J. JONES, member of Cochrane Chapter, Ontario, Canada.

March 18, 1927. At the request of M. E. Companion FRANK D. BURNS, Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado, I was pleased to authorize Norman Royal Arch Chapter, No. 244, to confer all the Degrees upon Brother EDWARD H. GAYLORD, who had been elected to receive the Degrees in Cache La Poudre Chapter, No. 11, of Colorado.

CHANGE OF PLACES OF MEETING.

March 12, 1927. I approved change of meeting place of Mountain Royal Arch Chapter, No. 196, from its present quarters to the new Masonic Building in the City of Pottsville, Pa.

March 26, 1927. I approved change of meeting place of Columbus Royal Arch Chapter, No. 200, of Corry, from its present quarters to the Masonic Temple in said Borough.

March 26, 1927. I approved change of meeting place of Monongahela Royal Arch Chapter, No. 249, from its present quarters to the Third Floor of the Monongahela City Trust Company Building in Monongahela City.

June 2, 1927. I approved change of meeting place of THOMAS B. ANDERSON Royal Arch Chapter, No. 309, from its present quarters to the new Masonic Building, Ligonier and Spring Streets, Latrobe.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

December 31, 1926. To Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter, No. 198, to hold an emergency election for Secretary to fill vacancy caused by death.

May 2, 1927. To Kensington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 233, to hold an emergency election for Secretary to fill vacancy caused by death.

May 16, 1927. To Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, to hold an emergency election for Secretary to fill vacancy caused by death.

May 16, 1927. To Crafton Royal Arch Chapter, No. 312, to hold an emergency election for the office of Scribe to fill vacancy caused by death.

March 25, 1927. To Companion DANIEL RICHARDS, P. H. P., of Tamaqua Royal Arch Chapter, No. 177, to open the Stated Meeting of that Chapter in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe attending District Meeting at Ashland.

April 18, 1927. To Companion CHRISTIAN C. KENDIG, P. H. P., of Excelsior Royal Arch Chapter, No. 237, to open the Stated Meeting of that Chapter in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe attending District Meeting at Lebanon.

September 7, 1927. To Companion JOHN A. EWING, P. H. P., of Monongahela Royal Arch Chapter, No. 249, to open the Stated Meeting of that Chapter in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe attending District Meeting at Wilkinsburg.

September 7, 1927. To Companion WILLIAM S. CONWELL, P. H. P., of Brownsville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 164, to open the Stated Meeting of that Chapter in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe attending District Meeting at Connellsville.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

I have been pleased to grant all requests for waivers of Jurisdiction, as follows:

To Maryland, two.

To Ohio, six.

To New Jersey, three.

I have requested and received the following waivers of Jurisdiction, as follows:

Of New York, two.

Of New Jersey, eight.

Of Delaware, one.

DECISIONS.

January 18, 1927. At the request of Companion JAMES W. DONCASTER, Secretary of Eureka Royal Arch Chapter, No. 167, I decided that payment of dues for the current year was in full to the annual meeting in December and not to St. John's Day.

May 25, 1927. At the request of Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, District Deputy Grand High Priest, decided that a brother is not physically disqualified for membership in a Chapter by reason of the loss of the entire small finger of the left hand.

July 30, 1927. At the request of Companion ALBERT RHODOMOYER, Secretary of Bloomsburg Royal Arch Chapter, No. 218, decided that a Royal Arch Chapter having by vote decided to omit the stated meetings in the months of July and August, the M. E. High Priest can not reinstate such Stated Meetings by notice to the Companions.

December 31, 1926. Declared action of.....
Royal Arch Chapter, No.....in restoring Companion
.....to membership null and void, for
want of notice to the members.

March 1, 1927. Declared action of.....
Royal Arch Chapter, No.....in rejecting Brother
.....null and void, the notices for the
meeting not stating the name correctly.

May 31, 1927. Declared the petition of Brother
.....to.....Royal Arch Chapter,
No..... null and void, the Committee having reported
within 4 months as required by the Constitution and
no action having been taken by the Chapter.

August 27, 1927. Declared action of.....Royal
Arch Chapter, No.....upon petition of Brother
.....null and void, for failure to
properly advertise and correctly spell the surname.

September 3, 1927. Declared all proceedings of
.....Royal Arch Chapter, No.....upon the
petition of Brother.....null and void,
the name advertised being incorrectly spelled and the
petition having been signed by an over zealous Com-
panion pursuant to a telephone request by the petitioner.

September 17, 1927. Declared all proceedings of
.....Royal Arch Chapter, No.....upon the
petition of Brother.....null and void,
for the reason that said petition as recorded on the
minutes and advertised on the notices the surname of
the petitioner was misspelled.

September 7, 1927. I healed the action of.....
Royal Arch Chapter, No.....in conferring Degrees upon
Companion.....one week after the expira-
tion of six months from the approval of his petition, be-
lieving that the Companion complied with the spirit of
the Constitution in presenting himself for the Degrees.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

January 19, 1927. I attended the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware held in the City of Wilmington. I was accompanied by Companion WESLEY R. MORGAN, Grand Representative and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

I was most cordially received by Companion GEORGE D. FEARON, M. E. Grand High Priest, invited to the East where the Grand Honors were extended to me. Four other Grand Jurisdictions were represented and I was given the privilege to express to the Grand Chapter of Delaware warmest Fraternal Greetings, and to hope for a continuance of the very cordial relations existing between these two Grand Jurisdictions.

February 1, 1927. I attended the One Hundred and Thirtieth Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of State of New York at Albany, accompanied by Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King and Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Past Grand High Priest and M. E. Grand Treasurer.

From the moment of our arrival until we departed we were under the constant care and watchfulness of Companion GEORGE S. ROSECRANTS, Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of New York, and every possible courtesy was extended to us and our visit to this the largest Grand Jurisdiction was exceedingly pleasant. The Convocation was very largely attended. The Grand Chapters of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey and New Hampshire were represented by delegations from each. We had the added pleasure of witnessing the installation of Companion HENRY DEWITT HAMILTON as General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. In my remarks I endeavored to cement

more closely in the bonds of Fraternal love and affection our two Grand Jurisdictions and to perpetuate the very pleasant and cordial relations now existing.

February 23, 1927. Grand Chapter was represented at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada by Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King, and Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work.

The M. E. Grand King reports that he found the gates of hospitality thrown wide open for his reception. That he was the recipient of many very high compliments upon Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania, and every sentiment of cordiality and Fraternal welcome was extended to him.

March 8, 1927. Grand Chapter was represented at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island by Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King, who reports that the proverbial hospitality and good fellowship of the Companions was very enjoyable and his reception and entertainment most cordial.

March 23, 1927. I attended the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec at Montreal, accompanied by Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King, Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Past Grand High Priest and M. E. Grand Treasurer.

This was the first visitation to this Grand Chapter by officers of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and it was most opportune, being the celebration by that Grand Chapter of its Fiftieth Anniversary. We were introduced by Companion WILLIAM M. COUPER, Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania near that Grand Chapter, who spoke in glowing tributes of praise and Fraternal regard for the

Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Our reception by Companion ALEX. B. J. MOORE, Grand Z was wonderfully impressive and gave to us unmistakable evidence of genuine welcome. His dignified and courteous manner in conducting the business of the Grand Chapter was commendable in every particular. At night we were entertained at a wonderful dinner at the Windsor Hotel with about three hundred and fifty guests. Every courtesy and attention was extended to us during our very pleasant visitation.

April 8, 1927. Responding to a very courteous and affectionate invitation by Companion MARION H. HALL, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, I visited Damascus Chapter, No. 56, at Haddonfield, N. J., accompanied by Companions AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary; ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, ALFRED C. MARPLE, WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., District Deputy Grand High Priests; WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, Grand Chaplain; ROBERT D. COLE, Director of Work; IRVIN BRANDEIS, Principal, HENRY S. HAZLETT and AUGUST H. SCHELL, of the Philadelphia School of Instruction.

Many distinguished Companions were present upon this most enjoyable occasion, among them Companion MARION H. HALL, M. E. Grand High Priest; Companion FRANK C. SAYRS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest; Companion WILLIAM B. MACKEY, M. W. Grand Master, all of New Jersey; Companion J. WALLACE WOODFORTH, M. E. Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, accompanied by a large delegation of his Grand Officers.

A banquet at the Walt Whitman Hotel at Camden preceded the meeting. It is always one of the most delight-

ful occasions to visit our beloved Companions of the State of New Jersey. The manner of our reception, the pleasing personality of Companion MARION H. HALL, M. E. Grand High Priest, and the presence of three sitting M. E. Grand High Priests of contiguous Jurisdictions made this an occasion never to be forgotten.

May 10, 1927. Grand Chapter was represented at the Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut by Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Past Grand High Priest and M. E. Grand Treasurer, accompanied by CHARLES R. DOBBYN, Grand Representative near the M. E. Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

The Grand Treasurer reports a very pleasing reception and entertainment, and speaks very highly of the kind attention which they received by the Companions of Connecticut. The large attendance at this Convocation fully attests the very healthy condition of this Grand Chapter.

May 11, 1927. Grand Chapter was represented at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey by Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King, accompanied by Companions GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest and ANDREW J. SCHRODER, our Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

The Grand King reports that he was joined at this meeting by THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer, and Companion CHARLES R. DOBBYN, upon their return from visit to Grand Chapter of Connecticut. The Convocation was largely attended and very enthusiastic, with peace and harmony everywhere present. I am convinced that this visitation by the Grand King and his address will enhance the very cordial relations existing.

May 15, 1927. Grand Chapter was represented at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Hampshire by Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King, accompanied by FRANK R. LEECH, Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

The Grand King reports that the good Companions of New Hampshire anticipated his every desire and did their utmost to make his stay a pleasant one. And that the Convocation of the Grand Chapter was most enjoyable and instructive. The cordial Fraternal relations existing between these two Grand Jurisdictions is very pleasing indeed.

May 16, 1927. Grand Chapter was represented at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Michigan held in the City of Grand Rapids by Companion THOMAS N. MCKEE, M. E. Grand Scribe, accompanied by FREDERICK P. GLASSER, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Michigan near the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The M. E. Grand Scribe reports their reception most hearty and cordial, and their entertainment wonderfully pleasant. He finds their sociability to be developed to the highest degree. He speaks very highly of the solemn and impressive ceremony witnessed in conferring the Order of High Priesthood. It is very gratifying to know that these interchange of visitations are cementing more closely our relations with this Grand Jurisdiction.

June 1, 1927. I visited Wilson Chapter, No. 13, Royal Arch Masons at Lambertville, N. J., to attend a Testimonial Dinner tendered by that Chapter to their newly installed M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion CHARLES D. MCCracken. I was accompanied by Companions AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King; THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. Grand Treasurer; JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary.

Upon our arrival we were immediately taken in charge by Companion ALBERT LEON, Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, who conducted us to the beautiful home of the M. E. Grand High Priest, after which a royal feast was served us and we were taken to the beautiful commodious Chapter Hall where we were received into the hearts of our lovable Companions of New Jersey. The motto of the occasion was "May the ties that unite us be only strengthened by time." No better sentiment could be found to express our appreciation of this wonderful meeting.

October 6, 1927. Grand Chapter was represented at the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, at Youngstown, by Companion THOMAS N. MCKEE, M. E. Grand Scribe. It had been my desire to attend this Convocation but at the last moment I was unavoidably detained at home.

The M. E. Grand Scribe reports a most delightful visit, a pleasant and instructive session of Grand Chapter and a warm cordial reception and entertainment. It is a pleasure to learn that the M. E. Grand High Priest in welcoming him expressed the warmest feeling of regard and hopes for the strengthening of the present very cordial relations existing.

December 13, 1927. Grand Chapter was represented at the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts by Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, M. E. Grand King, accompanied by Companion FRANK R. LEECH, Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

The Grand King reports a most enjoyable visit and that the proverbial hospitality, cordial welcome and entertainment was extended to him in every detail. He

speaks very highly of the rehearsal of the Mark Degree which he attended, as being very impressive and instructive. At the opening of the Grand Chapter in the evening he was formally received and invited to address the Grand Chapter, when he presented to that Grand Chapter the warm fraternal greetings of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. He reports the condition of Capitular Masonry in that Jurisdiction to be in splendid condition as was evidenced by the large attendance at this meeting.

It had been my intention to visit the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, but I was unavoidably detained at the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Chester Royal Arch Chapter, No. 258, on that evening.

PASSING TO THE CHAIR.

At the December Quarterly Communication in 1926, Grand Chapter unanimously adopted Amendments to its Constitution eliminating "Passing to the Chair" as a prerequisite for admission into Chapters. This question had been seriously agitated for many years and opinion varied as to its practical workings. In adopting these Amendments Grand Chapter did nothing whatever to interfere in any way with the Degree of Past Master Mason or "Passing to the Chair." It simply declared itself an independent Sovereign Body, and ceased to meddle with, or concern itself, about matters over which it never had, or claimed, Jurisdiction. This policy has now been in force for one full year and I believe that it has proven itself beyond a doubt, of great benefit to Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania. It was predicted by many that we would receive petitions from members of other Jurisdictions resident in Pennsylvania in great numbers. The result in this particular has been surprising. Our records show that only 175 petitions have been received from members of our sister Jurisdictions.

This fact seems to be clear and undisputable proof that our remarkable growth during the past year has been a healthy one within our own borders, and I firmly believe that it is attributable in a great measure to the wonderful awakening resulting from the District Meetings. The increased attendance and enthusiasm of these meetings over the former years seems to warrant this conclusion.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

I cannot express too highly my appreciation of the valiant service and genuine loyalty of my very efficient corps of District Deputies. All and each of them have rendered to me every possible act of co-operation, they have strengthened my every effort in the Districts to maintain peace and harmony and advance the interests of Capitular Masonry. In some of the Districts a most complete system of rotation among the Chapters of the District has been maintained, thus giving to each Chapter the opportunity and the duty of rehearsing in their regular order one of the Degrees at the District Meeting, this is a very commendable condition and might well be followed in all Districts. They have given of their time and ability without limit, and for this devotion I express to them my heartfelt thanks. I sincerely trust that the present high standard of perfection may be maintained throughout the coming year.

GRAND SECRETARY.

I acknowledge without exception or reservation my indebtedness to Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. Grand Secretary, for his vigilant thoughtful attention to all the details of my administration and to him in a very large measure belongs the credit for the splendid organization and present high standing of Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania. He has established among the Secretaries of

the various subordinate Chapters a perfect system for the recording of minutes, making reports and general detail of their office, and above all has by a close personal contact with them created a feeling of genuine Fraternal affection and hearty co-operation.

It is he who has made possible the attendance of the Grand Officers at the District Meetings throughout the State, without a cent of cost to Grand Chapter he has graciously contributed, not only the use of his automobile but his own services in carrying the Grand Officers to these Meetings. Without this magnanimous service on the part of the Grand Secretary, the cost of these meetings would be prohibitive to Grand Chapter. Personally my love and respect for this good Companion knows no limit, and Grand Chapter owes him a debt of gratitude which it can never repay.

It is with pride and great pleasure that I can report to you at this time that the general affairs and condition of Grand Chapter were never better. Peace and harmony prevails in every quarter and among the Officers there prevails that love and devotion to each other akin to one great family. Every one cheerfully contributes his share to carry out the great work in which we are engaged. It is my hope and prayer that this happy condition shall continue.

The affairs of the Subordinate Chapters have been so well taken care of by the Officers and Companions that I have been required to make very few decisions, and none of major importance. I have received numerous requests from Officers for information on many questions which were readily disposed of by advice and co-operation.

I have endeavored at all times to cement more firmly if possible the very friendly and cordial relations existing between the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and other Jurisdictions. The interchange of official visitations have

been highly beneficial and have established Fraternal and social relations unparalleled in our history. This was manifested in a marked degree at the December Quarterly Communication when we had the pleasure of receiving in Grand Chapter forty-one distinguished Companions representing twelve sister Grand Jurisdictions of the United States and Canada.

In the month of April last the lower Mississippi Valley was devastated by a flood causing death, suffering and loss of property unparalleled in the history of our country. An appeal from the Committee of Relief was broadcast over the land. I deemed this an emergency calling for prompt action on our part and without apparent authority I directed the M. E. Grand Secretary to wire from the Charity and Emergency Fund a contribution of one thousand dollars to the Committee. This action was approved by the Finance Committee and I am glad to say that provisions were made in their report which will take care of future emergencies.

The condition of the Subordinate Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction is most gratifying. There have been received during the year more than four thousand petitions for Degrees and Membership.

I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to that loyal Committee of Ten who volunteered their services in the entertainment of our guests at the December Quarterly Communication, their valuable services were appreciated very much as shown by the high testimonials which I have received. Upon one of my very dear Companions rested a very heavy burden this year, which he cheerfully assumed and most creditably carried out in arranging every detail of entertainment and accommodation for the distinguished guests we entertained. He is a Past Master in the art of entertainment and my gratitude is eminently due, and hereby tendered, to Companion

GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. Past Grand High Priest, and may the God of all, watch over and preserve him for many years more of valiant services in the vineyard of Grand Chapter.

I would be forgetful of my obligations if I failed to mention the grand and loyal support which I have received from the Grand Chaplains of Grand Chapter.

They have at a great sacrifice left their pastoral charges and duties and accompanied the Grand Officers to the District meetings over the State. After the rehearsal of the beautiful lessons taught in the various degrees they have left some gems of thought for the consideration of the Companions at each of these meetings. All of these services have been cheerfully rendered by them and I express to them my deep gratitude for their loyalty to Capitular Masonry.

We close the old year fully conscious of our own weaknesses and utter dependence in the everliving and true God and standing on the threshold of the new, let us face its duties and responsibilities imploring Him to vouchsafe to us peace, harmony and prosperity.

All of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, was installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, was duly proclaimed as such and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, duly proclaimed and received the salutations of the Craft:

Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Most Excellent Grand King.

Companion THOMAS N. MCKEE, Most Excellent Grand Scribe.

Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Most Excellent Grand Treasurer.

Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest directed the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to announce the

APPOINTMENTS:

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

A. Companion ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284, 307 and Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, in Philadelphia.

B. Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 183, 240, 251 and 256, in Philadelphia.

C. Companion ALFRED C. MARPLE, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 208, 232, 233, 250, 308 and Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216, in Philadelphia.

1. Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, of Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery (except Chapters Nos. 262 and 271), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion WILLIAM J. BYRNES, JR., of Ardmore, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198), Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion J. EDWARD BILLHEIMER, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks, Lancaster (except Chapter No. 224), Lebanon, and Chapter No. 271, of Montgomery County.

4. Companion JOHN H. BENNETT, of York, for the Counties of Adams, York, and Chapter No. 224, of Lancaster County.

5. Companion CHARLES R. ROBERTS, of Allentown, for the Counties of Lehigh, Pike, and Chapter No. 295, of Northampton County.

6. Companion CHARLES H. TILTON, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

7. Companion CHARLES H. WEAVER, of Wilkes-Barre, for the Counties of Luzerne, Sullivan, Chapters Nos. 161 and 293, of Bradford, and Chapter No. 172, of Wyoming County.

8. Companion GUSTAV A. MUEHLHOF, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Carbon, Schuylkill, and Chapter No. 264, of Northumberland County.

9. Companion WILLIAM R. BURCHFIELD, of Montgomery, for the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland (except Chapter No. 264), Snyder and Union.

10. Companion ARTHUR W. GILLAN, of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry.

11. Companion ROY C. STORMER, of Johnstown, for the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Mifflin.

12. Companion JAMES H. REEDER, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapters Nos. 261, of Bradford County, and 228, of Clearfield County.

13. Companion JOHN P. ANDERSON, of Ridgway for the Counties of Elk, McKean (except Chapter No. 254), and No. 227, of Cameron County.

14. Companion FREDERICK J. WANDALL, of Coudersport, for the Counties of Potter and Tioga, and Chapter No. 254, of McKean County.

15. Companion RUSSELL RUDOLPH, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana, Jefferson, and Chapter No. 311, of Westmoreland.

16. Companion GEORGE W. RODGERS, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 162, 193, 217, 257, 268, 286, 288, 297 and 299, of Allegheny County.

17. Companion JAMES W. MYERS, of Crafton, for Chapters Nos. 280, 300, 305 and 312, of Allegheny County, and 150 and 294, of Washington County.

18. Companion EDMUND W. BOOTS, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 282, 285, 289, 303 and 306, of Allegheny County, No. 249, of Washington County, and No. 290, of Westmoreland County.

19. Companion ROBERT E. UMBEL, of Uniontown, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Westmoreland (except Chapters Nos. 290 and 311).

20. Companion CHAUNCEY N. SHILLING, of Sharon, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

21. Companion PETER BARKEY, of Erie, for the Counties of Crawford (except Chapter No. 207), and Erie.

22. Companion WILLIAM F. BENNETT, of Warren, for the Counties of Forest, Venango and Warren, and Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County.

23. Companion HARVEY F. PEIFLY, of Bangor, for the Counties of Monroe and Northampton (except Chapter No. 295).

Grand Chaplains.

- Comp. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, of Philadelphia.
“ JOHN G. WILSON, of Philadelphia.
“ EDWARD W. RUSHTON, of Wayne.
“ GEORGE W. WELLBURN, of Swarthmore.
“ FRANCIS M. TAITT, of Chester.
“ WILLIAM H. MICHEALS, of Media.

Grand Captain of the Host.

- Comp. P. FRANCIS STRUPPLER, of Chapter No 185.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

- Comp. RALPH C. MINEHART, of Chapter No. 286.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

- Comp. WILLIAM B. KROPP, of Chapter No. 52.

Grand Master of Third Vail.

- Comp. ELMER C. WATT, of Chapter No. 256.

Grand Master of Second Vail.

- Comp. LOUIS J. SOMMER, JR., of Chapter No. 250.

Grand Master of First Vail.

- Comp. RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE, of Chapter No. 208.

Grand Marshal.

- Comp. HERBERT RUSSELL LAIRD, of Chapter No. 222.

Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

- Comp. WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, of Chapter No. 175.

Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

- Comp. FRANK R. LEECH, of Chapter No. 183.

Grand Pursuivant.

- Comp. WALTER M. CARWITHEN, of Chapter No. 270.

Grand Tyler.

Comp. WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, of Chapter No. 175.

Organist.

Comp. FREDERICK MAXSON, of Chapter No. 240.

Trustees.

Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. P. G. H. P.

“ DAVID J. DAVIS, M. E. P. G. H. P.

“ GEORGE W. SEEDS.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, M. E. P. G. H. P.

“ MICHAEL W. JACOBS, M. E. P. G. H. P.

“ GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. P. G. H. P.

“ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., M. E. P. G. H. P.

“ DAVID J. DAVIS, M. E. P. G. H. P.

“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, M. E. P. G. H. P.

“ JOHN M. CORE, M. E. P. G. H. P.

“ GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. P. G. H. P.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Appeals.

Comp. DAVID J. DAVIS, M. E. P. G. H. P.

“ JOHN C. TAYLOR.

“ WILLIAM A. RHOADS.

“ HENRY G. BRUNER.

“ THOMAS F. ASHFORD, JR.

Committee on Finance.

Comp. GEORGE P. DARROW, M. E. P. G. H. P.

“ WILLIAM M. DONALDSON.

“ E. MARSHALL HARVEY.

“ McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE.

“ ROBERT E. UMBEL.

Committee on By-Laws.

- Comp. A. HOWARD THOMAS.
“ FENTON H. MIDDLETON.
“ JOHN A. PERRY.
“ JAMES B. DUFFY.
“ *Vacancy.*

Committee on Correspondence.

- Comp. JOHN M. CORE, M. E. P. G. H. P.
“ HARRY J. BELL.
“ H. FRANKLIN BROSSMAN.
“ EDWARD W. RUSHTON.
“ ELI EDMUNDSON, JR.

Committee on Charity.

- Comp. EDGAR A. TENNIS, M. E. P. G. H. P.
“ CHARLES T. GILDEN.
“ CHARLES S. WOOD.
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE.
“ JOHN S. UNGER.

Committee on Printing and Publishing.

- Comp. LOUIS M. WAGNER.
“ JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON.
“ FRANK E. TOWNSEND.
“ ROBERT W. VOGT.
“ SAMUEL CRITCHLOW.

Director of Work.

- Comp. ROBERT D. COLE.

*Capitular Schools of Instruction.**Philadelphia.*

Comp. IRVIN BRANDEIS, *Principal.*

“ HENRY S. HAZLETT.

“ BENJAMIN BISWANGER.

“ CLARENCE R. BROOKS.

“ GEORGE W. KURTZ.

“ AUGUST H. SCHELL.

Pittsburgh.

Comp. FREDERICK P. GLASSER, *Principal.*

“ JOHN W. BRANDON.

“ JOHN BELL, JR.

“ JAMES S. CHAMBERS.

“ WILLIAM MEYER.

“ ALBERT E. FAWCETT.

Communications were received announcing the death of distinguished Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion ROBERT L. COLDING, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, died October 21, 1927.

M. E. Companion WILSON DARLING BARRON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maine, died November 9, 1927.

M. E. Companion DEWITT CLINTON MOORE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota, died November 14, 1927.

Grand Chapter closed in Peace at nine o'clock ten minutes P. M.

Joseph E. Quincy
Grand Secretary.

In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
WILLIAM H. KENSIL.....	No. 3	Feb. 14, 1927
WILLIAM J. FORDNEY.....	" 43	Dec. 16, 1926
MILTON E. GINGRICH.....	" 43	May 6, 1927
WILLIAM H. KINSEY.....	" 52	Nov. 14, 1927
JOHN H. CRANKSHAW.....	" 91	April 25, 1927
JOHN CURRY BANE.....	" 150	Jan. 14, 1927
WARREN ALONZO McKAY...	" 150	Sept. 9, 1927
FRANK W. SIMMONS.....	" 159	Nov. 3, 1927
THOMAS B. JOHNSON, JR....	" 161	Aug. 4, 1927
PETER EICHER SHEPPARD..	" 165	Aug. 20, 1927
WILLIAM LEE WOOD.....	" 165	Sept. 23, 1927
THOMAS BROWNFIELD.....	" 165	Nov. 22, 1926
ANDREW TYBOUT STONE....	" 166	Oct. 20, 1927
GEORGE B. BIXLER.....	" 171	April 24, 1927
TOM WILKINSON.....	" 172	Mar. 28, 1927
EVAN WILLIAM EVANS.....	" 173	Aug. 18, 1927
GEORGE B. NEVIN.....	" 174	Oct. 12, 1927
GEORGE M. PATTERSON....	" 179	Dec. 19, 1926
MORRIS G. TINGLEY.....	" 180	Dec. 1, 1926
NELSON WARNER.....	" 180	Jan. 1, 1927
WILLIAM H. WARNER.....	" 180	Feb. 28, 1927
THOMAS SMITHAM.....	" 181	Jan. 22, 1927
ANDREW G. WALLACE.....	" 183	Nov. 6, 1927
FRANK S. BARKER.....	" 185	Jan. 4, 1927
JAMES MACKLIN.....	" 186	July 24, 1927
WILLIAM F. SOLLY.....	" 190	June 18, 1927
FRANK ROOP.....	" 190	July 22, 1927
ABRAM HESS.....	" 197	Aug. 1, 1927
JOSEPH LYON LEMBERGER..	" 197	Sept. 29, 1927

In Memory of Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
EDWIN H. McALLISTER.....	No. 198	Dec. 12, 1926
PERRIE G. WOOD.....	" 200	June 28, 1927
GEORGE W. YOCUM.....	" 201	June 1, 1927
S. FRANKLIN FORGENS.....	" 201	Sept. 1, 1927
HENRY H. GARRETT.....	" 202	Jan. 21, 1927
JOHN A. HEIMBACH.....	" 203	Sept. 2, 1927
HARRY B. SYNAR.....	" 204	Sept. 23, 1927
JOHN E. RITTER.....	" 205	June 6, 1927
SAMUEL E. MOWERY.....	" 209	May 1, 1927
LEWIS G. SIMMONS.....	" 210	Dec. 27, 1926
A. HALDANE CURTIS.....	" 211	Mar. 23, 1927
JOSEPH H. JONATHAN.....	" 214	May 20, 1927
THOMAS H. COLE.....	" 215	April 19, 1927
ROBERT B. CLAYTON.....	" 219	Dec. 4, 1926
AUGUSTUS B. SCHADEL.....	" 219	Aug. 22, 1927
FRANKLIN C. NASH.....	" 220	April 23, 1927
ARTHUR ANSON SMITH.....	" 222	April 19, 1927
JAMES ANDREW GIBSON....	" 222	Sept. 29, 1927
SEPTIMUS E. NIVIN.....	" 223	Dec. 23, 1926
GEORGE HALE.....	" 226	Nov. 8, 1927
JOHN D. LOGAN.....	" 227	April 8, 1927
GEORGE M. ROSSER.....	" 228	Mar. 6, 1927
HENRY E. VAN AKEN.....	" 230	Dec. 8, 1926
MATHIAS SEDDINGER.....	" 233	Jan. 23, 1927
HARRY H. BROWN.....	" 233	April 24, 1927
WILLIAM H. WALTER.....	" 233	Sept. 27, 1927
STEPHEN Y. HOTCHKISS....	" 233	Oct. 29, 1927
HOMER E. HOOPES.....	" 234	April 12, 1927
J. HARRISON CAMPBELL....	" 234	Sept. 11, 1927
FRANK C. BOGART	" 235	April 24, 1927
CHARLES H. BRELSFORD....	" 240	May 18, 1927

In Memory of Past High Priests, Deceased

NAME	CHAPTER	DIED
HARRY KELLER.....	No. 241	Mar. 2, 1927
ALBERT C. MINGLE.....	" 241	May 14, 1927
DAVID R. THOMAS.....	" 242	Mar. 6, 1927
CHARLES H. DOWNING.....	" 243	Sept. 3, 1927
J. NORMAN KLINE.....	" 245	Jan. 24, 1927
EDWARD BRIGHT.....	" 245	Aug. 15, 1927
JOSEPH W. HUNTER.....	" 245	May 20, 1927
HARRY A. ARNOLD.....	" 247	Jan. 17, 1927
MURRAY GORGAS.....	" 248	Mar. 9, 1927
JAMES V. OTTO.....	" 254	July 16, 1927
JOSIAH R. RITCHEY.....	" 255	Dec. 12, 1926
WILLIAM B. BROOMALL.....	" 258	Mar. 3, 1927
JOSIAH DOBSON.....	" 259	Dec. 28, 1926
NELSON H. GOODSELL.....	" 263	May 8, 1927
DANIEL E. SHADE.....	" 264	July 21, 1927
ELLIS H. DOAN.....	" 267	Nov. 5, 1926
FRANK M. BRONSON.....	" 269	Feb. 27, 1927
MARTIN A. RUTTER.....	" 272	Feb. 23, 1927
SAMUEL J. MYERS.....	" 274	Feb. 4, 1927
WILLIAM F. TETER.....	" 277	June 18, 1927
JOHN W. CAMPBELL.....	" 279	Nov. 27, 1926
NATHAN B. WAGONER.....	" 280	Jan. 31, 1927
WILLIAM A. LINDSAY.....	" 284	Nov. 23, 1926
CLARENCE L. ALEXANDER..	" 285	Dec. 8, 1926
GEORGE A. JACKSON.....	" 285	Feb. 19, 1927
HARRY DeNOON HOWARD...	" 286	April 25, 1927
FRANK W. MARTENIS.....	" 291	Sept. 19, 1927
SAMUEL STRAUSE.....	" 291	Sept. 20, 1927
JOSEPH W. I. McKNIGHT....	" 297	May 23, 1927

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter and to whom the reviews were assigned:

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

Alberta	March
Alabama	December
Arizona	February
Arkansas	November
British Columbia	June
California	April
Canada	February
Colorado	September
Connecticut	May
Delaware	January
District of Columbia	February
England	May
England and Wales	December
England, Grand Mark Lodge.....	June

JOHN M. CORE,
P. G. H. P.

Florida	May
General Grand Chapter	Triennial
Georgia	April
Idaho	May
Illinois	October
Indiana	October
Iowa	October
Ireland	December
Kansas	February
Kentucky	October
Louisiana	February
Maine	May
Manitoba	February

H. FRANKLIN BROSSMAN.

Maryland	December	}	EDWARD W. RUSHTON.
Massachusetts	December		
Michigan	May		
Minnesota	October		
Mississippi	February		
Missouri	April		
Montana	July		
Nebraska	December		
Nevada	June		
New Brunswick	August		
New Hampshire	May		
New Jersey	May		

New Mexico	February	}	HARRY J. BELL.
New South Wales	February		
New York	February		
North Carolina	May		
North Dakota	January		
Nova Scotia	June		
Ohio	October		
Oklahoma	April		
Oregon	April		
Quebec	March		
Rhode Island	March		
Saskatchewan	February		
Scotland	Quarterly		
South Carolina	April		

South Dakota	June	}	ELI EDMUNDSON, JR.
Tennessee	January		
Texas	December		
Utah	May		
Vermont	June		
Victoria	April		
Virginia	October		
Washington	May		
West Virginia	November		
Wisconsin	February		
Wyoming	July		

NON-PAYMENT DUES.

A table published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut shows suspensions in the United States for 1926 to have been 17,659, while losses by death were 11,044.

The great loss by suspension for non-payment of dues may be a blessing in disguise. It may mean the natural sifting out of the unfit, and the unthinking who swept into Freemasonry in the past few years. It may simply be the recession which follows all hysteria such as we went through from 1914 to 1920.

Why this recession?

We would answer first, lack of care in selection. This we think is fundamental and undisputed. Next inefficient officers. One jurisdiction which came under our review reported nine chapters in which no elective officer could confer any part of any degree. We feel that the failure of officers to intelligently teach the lessons of the various degrees has much to do with reports for suspension for non-payment of dues. Another thing contributing to this deplorable condition is the failure of the Chapter to give new members something to do. We do not mean to elect them to office or give them floor appointments. We do mean that there should be something provided in the Chapters to interest the new members, and in the doing of which the new member would feel that he was rendering some service. If the Chapter has any mission, it is to furnish the members with an opportunity of service. Many activities in a chapter could be carried out by the "average member." Leave the conduct of the regular meetings to the Officers, but don't starve the individual member by refusing him an opportunity to serve. An educational or charitable program, to mention only two, might well serve to interest and employ the activities of many Companions. It is folly to wrap our beautiful robes

around us and deliver a long line of glittering generalities on the beauties of charity, hospitality, service, etc., and never give the candidate a chance to exercise these wonderful privileges. It looks as though we had failed to impress many of the candidates with our wisdom and greatness, and the high privilege which we have accorded him in simply allowing him to come within our doors and behold us, and listen to our wisdom. In other words, it would seem that many have found it not worth while and quietly allowed themselves to be dropped. Another cause for lack of interest, in our opinion, is the "job lot" of making them Royal Arch Masons. Coming into many Chapters in large classes, the Chapter could not, and did not assimilate them. They simply became names on the roll. The Chapter did not furnish them that which they had been led to expect. This was not fair to the Candidate, nor to Capitular Masonry. Such in our opinion are some of the causes which have caused the serious losses during the last year. We think that the blame lies equally between the Chapter and the member, with possibly the more blame on the officers of the Chapter.

J. M. C.

ALABAMA.

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was held in Montgomery, November 29, 1926.

The M. E. Grand High Priest Companion JOHN B. BETHEA was unable to be present on account of illness and R. E. SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK, Grand King, presided. A message expressing the sympathy of Grand Chapter for the M. E. Grand High Priest was sent.

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion JOHN B. BETHEA, was read by the R. E. Grand King Companion STOLLENWERCK, acting M. E. Grand High Priest.

Note is made of the death of Past Grand High Priests, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH and HENRY OSCAR KLINE, of Pennsylvania.

Two Dispensations for new Chapters are reported. One Dispensation allowing three Chapters to consolidate at Anniston is reported.

A pretty sharp report criticising the State Administration for failure to carry out pre-election promises in regard to educational facilities is made by the Committee on Americanization and Education.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Companion LAWRENCE H. LEE, but in moving his office it "got lost in the rubbish" and hence we, who have so much enjoyed his reports, are disappointed. He seems to have been so disgusted, that he asked to be relieved and a new correspondent was appointed.

M. E. Companion SIDDONS STOLLENWERCK, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary.
J. M. C.

ALBERTA.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was held in Calgary, March 16 and 17, 1927.

Grand Officers all present, six Past Grand First Principals, many Grand Representatives, among them Pennsylvania, and representatives from all but one Subordinate Chapter present.

The Grand First Principal visited twenty-three of the twenty-seven Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction. He also attended all five of the District Convocations, also the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

The usual routine Dispensations were issued. Three requests for Dispensations were refused.

Decision. "That a Mark Master Mason receiving that degree in a Mark Master Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Craft Lodge, is not entitled to sit in a Mark Master Lodge in Alberta, the Mark Master degree in this Jurisdiction being under the Government of the Royal Arch Chapter."

We don't quite get the basic reason for this decision. What would they do with a Mark Master Mason from England?

He recommends that all Chapters following the Moon Schedule change to fixed date for their monthly Convocation; and that the Secretaries require, when a Companion pays his dues, that he exhibit a receipt for his dues in his Craft Lodge.

The Grand Scribe E reports a net loss for the year of 29. Of course the greatest loss is occasioned by suspension for non-payment of dues.

Net membership December 31st, 2,811.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a Composite, written by Companions J. E. JOHNSON, S. Y. TAYLOR and F. S. SELWOOD. The different Jurisdictions are briefly reviewed.

Pennsylvania for 1925 is Fraternally noted.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM M. McNAB, Grand First Principal Z.

R. E. Companion CLIFFORD R. WENTZEL, Grand Scribe E. J. M. C.

ARIZONA.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held in the City of Phoenix, Tuesday, February 8, 1927.

Committee on Credentials reported all Grand Officers present. Twelve past Grand High Priests, representatives from eleven Chapters, Grand Representatives, thirty-nine, but Pennsylvania representative near the Grand Chapter of Arizona must have gotten lost in the cactus, as he did not respond. What is the matter Companion COMBS? Tucson is not so far from Phoenix.

The M. E. Grand High Priest reports that he visited every Chapter but two, and these met him on his visitation to other Chapters. But three Chapters did work in his presence.

He reads a bit of a lesson to Grand Chapter, when he says the members all attend at their own expense. They simply meet, elect and install officers and go home. Not a word of inspiration, advice or Counsel given, to the Companions.

He found a variety of Rituals and recommends that one be adopted.

He refused a petition to railroad candidates for which he is entitled to the gratitude of all real Royal Arch Masons.

No decisions are reported.

He recommended that the Grand Chapter meet at nine A. M.; that at least one degree be exemplified the evening before the Annual Convocation; that Committees be appointed to revise the Constitution, to revise the Ritual, and the useless office of Deputy Grand High Priest be abolished; that the salary of the Grand Secretary be raised to \$50.00 per month.

He calls attention to the fact that they lost in membership. Every Chapter in the State but two, shows a loss of membership.

He made some most pertinent suggestions as to the future of Royal Arch Masonry, which we trust the Companions took to heart and will act upon.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership December 31, 1926 of 1,273, a net loss of thirty-two during the year. The largest Chapter in the State shows a loss of thirty-eight members.

M. E. Companion DAVID BEUSHIMOL, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion GEORGE. J. ROSKRUGE, Grand Secretary. J. M. C.

ARKANSAS.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Arkansas was held in the City of Little Rock, Thursday, November 18, 1926.

After opening Grand Chapter, appointment of Committees and reception of Past Grand High Priests, the

Roll of Grand Representatives was called and they were formally welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest. We note our Grand Representative, Companion JAMES R. DONNELL, was present. He also is a Past Grand High Priest of that Jurisdiction, so he was twice welcome.

One decision is reported: "Whenever the Charter of a Subordinate Chapter is arrested by the Grand High Priest, or his duly authorized representative, or by order of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter thereby assumes responsibility for any and all indebtedness against such Chapter."

The Jurisprudence Committee approved this decision, with the following important modification—"That the Grand Chapter only assumes liability to the extent of the proceeds of the assets of the defunct Chapter, *and no more.*" (*Italics are ours*).

This may be a live issue in the Jurisdiction as the M. E. Grand High Priest arrested the Charter of two Chapters during the year.

Dispensations were issued for four new Chapters.

He offered a number of recommendations one of which was, that there be inserted in the Ritual the following question:

"Brethren, have each of you registered your Mark in the Lodge Book of Marks? and require an affirmative answer before the work proceeds further."

The Committee on Jurisprudence turned the recommendation down with the remark that the Committee holds "that the present law concerning marks is sufficient, if enforced." It is admitted that it is not enforced. The Grand High Priest made a constructive recommendation, and we regret to note that it was not adopted. Stick to it Companion, you are on the right track, it took us twenty years to get it really enforced in Pennsylvania,

but it is enforced now. No petitioner has any right to advancement until he complies with his *obligation*, in the preceding degree. It is this weak kneed, lick spittle attitude of the Chapters toward petitioners, that is the cause of much of our trouble.

The same Committee also turned down the recommendation that the contingent fund of the Grand High Priest be increased from \$500 to \$750. See Deuteronomy, XXV Chapter, 4th Verse.

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence Review is by Past Grand High Priest MARK OLNEY, which guarantees a good review and the guarantee is fulfilled.

He says: "The pleasure in making this review grows with each year and the general good accomplished, we believe, merits the effort and expense it costs." So say the most of us.

Pennsylvania is accorded a fraternal review.

M. E. Companion SHEM E. HOLLABAUGH, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion JOHN C. BONE, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia was held in the City of Westminster, June 22, 1927.

Two Emergent Convocations of the Grand Chapter had been held during the year viz: July 28, 1926 and February 26, 1927, both being held in Vancouver.

Every Chapter was represented at the Annual Convocation we note. The Grand Representative from Pennsylvania was present.

The address of the Grand First Principal is a brief, clear statement of the work of the year. Two decisions of local interest only are reported.

Twenty-two official visitations are recorded and two new Chapters constituted.

The other elective Grand Officers, as well as the Grand District Superintendents made written reports, which show commendable activity.

The Grand Scribe E reports a net gain in membership during the year of fifteen. Total membership December 31, 1926, 2,645.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by R. E. Companion J. W. PRESCOTT. It is his eighth and is quite comprehensive. He notes that of the sixty-five Grand Chapters, fifty-seven are on the Continent of North America; forty-nine in the United States, and eight in Canada. Certainly North America may be said to be the home of Capitular Masonry.

Pennsylvania for 1926 is accorded a most Fraternal Review.

HENRY GIEGERICH, Grand Z.

J. W. PRESCOTT, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

CALIFORNIA.

The Seventy-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California was held in the Masonic Temple, Santa Barbara, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19 and 20, 1927.

Grand Officers, nine Grand High Priests, thirty-five Grand Representatives and Representatives from one hundred and twelve Chartered Chapters. Pennsylvania was not represented. We shall have to look into this.

The M. E. Grand High Priest in a short and concise manner, reports the work of the year. All Chapters, but one, reported work. The gross gain in membership, 1,794. Loss, 1,284. Net gain, 510. Present membership, 25,499.

Two new Chapters were constituted. Eighteen official visits made. The one made at San Francisco was the occasion for Grand Officers conferring the Royal Arch Degree—"out of doors." Dispensations for four new Chapters were granted. Many interstate courtesies to confer degrees are reported.

The report shows that the M. E. Grand High Priest had a busy and it would appear, very helpful year.

The Grand Secretary shows receipts during the year of \$31,144.09 with disbursements \$29,671.51. With the cash balance carried forward from preceding year of \$28,138.90, there is a present cash balance of \$29,611.48.

The report of the Grand Lecturer is most interesting. He reports satisfactory results in the optional changes in the R. A. Degree and recommends some others, which would very considerably shorten certain parts of the work. We sometimes wish those who fabricate some of our Ritualistic work would make a study of brevity, rather than the interminable rhetorical phrases, which may sound well, and occupy time, but fundamentally mean so little. The Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, are couched in simple brief and easily understood language. We think the Grand Lecturer is going in the right direction.

The report on Correspondence is by Companion ARTHUR A. WILLOUGHBY. It follows the standard form of reporting the doings of each Jurisdiction. It is brief but gives a very excellent account of the Grand Chapters reviewed. A number of Jurisdictions are missing, among them being Pennsylvania.

There is a statistical table showing number of Chapters in each State, number exalted, affiliated, restored, demitted, also the losses from different causes and total membership. It is a valuable table and gives almost at a glance the numerical progress of Capitular Masonry for the year. From it we learn that twelve Grand Chapters showed a loss last year. The total net gain for the United States was 11,205, with a total membership of 926,617. The number exalted was 40,120.

JAMES B. McCLEES, M. E. Grand High Priest.

THOMAS A. DAVIES, R. E. Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

CANADA.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the City of Ottawa, Wednesday and Thursday, February 23 and 24, 1927.

Sixty-five Chapters represented by their regular officers, fifty by representatives and four by Past Grand Zs. Total represented 119. Six Past Grand Zs present.

Distinguished visitors from Quebec, Connecticut, New York, Michigan and Pennsylvania were received and accorded Grand Honors. M. E. Grand King, Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, accompanied by Companion ROBERT D. COLE, Instructor, represented Pennsylvania.

The Grand First Principal Companion KENNETH J. DUNSTAN, in his address reviews the work of Grand Chapter for the year. Note is made of the fact that during the year, advance has been made numerically and financially. While not so great as in some past years, yet a very healthy growth is noted. Each year witnesses substantial advancement all along the line of capitular activities.

His visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions, among them Pennsylvania, are reported. He notes the increasing number of Fraternal visits by one Chapter to another, and recommends that such visitations be made more frequently. Notice is made of visitation by one subordinate Chapter to a subordinate Chapter in Michigan and a return visit by the Companions from Michigan.

He reports one hundred dispensations. Two were granted to Chapters to Exalt Brothers, who had lost an arm.

Three dispensations to Companions to wear Royal Arch regalia in public while attending Divine Service. The Grand Z says he does not approve the wearing of regalia in public, "believing that it derogates from the dignity and standing of the Order." "There are times and places where exception can be made in the interest of the Order."

Many Jurisdictions have suffered numerical loss. This may not be an unmixed evil as it may only mean the weeding out of numbers who for one reason or another have never been interested.

"Unless a member contributes something to Masonry, other than an annual fee, he adds little to the strength of the Order and nothing to the great work which it carries on."

The Grand Scribe E (R. E. Companion HENRY T. SMITH) is, as always, a model. He reports "the Chapters have all paid their fees and dues."

Exaltations	972
Joinings, etc.	169
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Total	1,141
Losses	976
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Net Gain	165
Present Membership	25,815

The M. E. Grand Treasurer (Companion GEORGE MOORE) received from

Dues and Fees	\$15,943 03
Interest on Investments	3,613 16
Total	\$19,556 16
Accounts Paid	\$13,116 02
Donations—Sick Children's Hospital	1,000 00
Benevolent Grants	2,770 00
	\$16,886 02

The investment account shows \$68,038.70, together with cash balance of \$12,157.36, a net increase for the year of \$2,670.17.

The Committee on Ritual reported a revised Ritual for the three degrees, which they recommended for adoption. The recommendation was adopted by Grand Chapter.

The report on Correspondence and Review of Sister Jurisdictions is by M. E. Past Grand Z Companion WILLIAM N. PONTON, which means that it is a masterpiece.

It is the delight and despair of the other novices at the round table. To write a review, of this masterly review is entirely beyond the capacity of at least one Correspondent.

In his closing he says:—"Companions all, of the Craft Universal, let it be said of us as of those of old time—'They helped every one his neighbor and every one said to his brother be of good courage, and they fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved, it is ready for the soldering iron.' Companions of the two great branches of the English-speaking race, we must stand together four square, for constructive citizenship, for home ties, for ordered freedom, for laws enforcement,

for peace, with honor, and for all the ideals of the Royal Craft.”

M. E. Companion KENNETH J. DUNSTAN, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion HENRY T. SMITH, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

COLORADO.

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Colorado was held in the City of Denver, September 23, 1926.

The Committee on Credentials reported all Grand Officers present and representatives from forty-eight of the fifty-one Chartered Chapters. Also thirteen Past Grand High Priests. When the roll of Grand Representatives was called, Pennsylvania did not respond. Just what happened to Companion CAMPBELL, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, does not appear.

The M. E. Grand High Priest in welcoming the Grand Representatives said “I trust that each of you in the near future will communicate directly to your Grand High Priest. Keep in touch with the Grand Chapter, which you have the honor to represent, for as you serve them, so will you serve this Grand Chapter.”

The welcome was replied to by Companion L. D. CRAIN, Grand Representative of Arkansas, who in a few well chosen words responded for the Grand Jurisdictions represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion ROBERT A. STEEN, made an excellent report which is, as usual termed an “Address.” We have read a lot of them and they are really Reports, seasoned at times with advice in the form of recommendations, and ever and anon, a Grand High Priest breaks into rhetorical flights, but that is only by way of embellishment. Among the many good things

which the Most Excellent High Priest said, "We must justify our existence and show the profane that we practice outside our temples, the truths taught therein."

He reports the net gain in membership at thirty-eight, making a total membership of 8,102. He propounds the same query, which has perplexed many of us, "Why so many of our Brethren in the Lodge fail to take advantage of the opportunity to advance and behold the wonders and beauties exemplified in the most sublime Royal Arch."

During the year the Bank in which Grand Chapter kept its funds deposited closed its doors; the Grand Treasurer being an Officer in the Bank. The Grand Lodge of Colorado came to the rescue and made a loan of sufficient funds to enable Grand Chapter to function without embarrassment.

Fortunately, Grand Chapter had a surety bond on the Grand Treasurer and the Surety Company settled practically in full. That is the only sensible way to run the financial affairs of any Fraternal organization.

Quite a few Dispensations are reported, a number of them in effect setting aside by-laws. We very much doubt the power of a Grand High Priest to set aside an approved by-law of a subordinate Chapter.

He reports eighteen visits to Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Lecturer makes a most interesting report, among other things he reports as unable to confer any part of any degree fourteen High Priests, twenty Kings and thirty-three Scribes. Now just what would these Chapters do should any of them receive a petition for degrees? While Chapters exist where officers cannot confer any part of a degree it is little wonder that the Brethren of the Lodge do not seek this further light. We

are judged by our Officers, and where officers have so little interest as to be unable to impart any part of that which they have received, it necessarily follows such officers do not consider the truths taught important.

A memorial to that Great Mason and Prince among Correspondents, ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER was read before Grand Chapter. All of us who have had the privilege of reading Companion FOSTER's reports can well attest their worth, and assure the Companions of Colorado, that we join with them in mourning the passing of this good Companion.

The Custodians of the work presented a report recommending that the Grand Chapter of Colorado do not adopt the ritual of the General Grand Chapter. Their report was adopted. Some changes in the present work were suggested.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion FRANK D. BURNS, after his installation said: "During the year it is my intention to see that every Chapter in the Jurisdiction has an official visit from one of the Grand Officers. I do not mean that I expect to make all the official visits, but I will endeavor to commission certain subordinate officers, or Past Grand High Priests, to make these official visits so that each Chapter may have one during the year."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Past Grand High Priest, Companion H. W. WOODWARD. He succeeded the lamented ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER. We have a suspicion that he had a very active part in preparing a number of the reports in the past few years.

Under Iowa, which has been having difficulty with the finances of the Subordinate Chapters, he discussed the propriety of a traveling auditor vested with rather extensive powers. Well, that might work and then again

it probably would not prove satisfactory. Why not make the Chapters do their own auditing? We, in Pennsylvania, require each Chapter to have an audit in January of each year, a copy of which is sent to the Grand High Priest, a copy to the Grand Secretary and one retained by the Chapter. There is nothing which has done more to put the finances and in fact the general records of our Subordinate Chapters in good shape than this one thing. These auditors' reports are carefully scanned by Grand Officers and any irregularity noted, and attention called to it by either the Grand High Priest or Grand Secretary. It works well.

He quite approves the refusal by the M. E. Grand High Priest of Kentucky for a Public Installation of the officers of a Subordinate Chapter.

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed for 1925. The correspondent says that Companion DARROW must have devoted his whole time to his duties as Grand High Priest. We quite agree that he discharged the multifarious duties fully and well. However, that was only one of his duties as he is one of the hardest working members of Congress and ranking member of the Naval Affairs Committee and also one of the five members of the Steering Committee of the Republican side of the House. This only again proves the correctness of the maxim, "if you want a thing done, get a busy man to do it."

He passes a nice bouquet to the Correspondent for Pennsylvania, and for the same many thanks.

Companion FRANK D. BURNS, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion WILLIAM COOPER, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

CONNECTICUT.

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut was held in Hartford, May 10, 1927.

There were seven Grand Jurisdictions represented, as well as the General Grand Chapter. M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Grand Treasurer representing Pennsylvania.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion ELBERT L. DARBIE, in his annual address reviewed concisely and very clearly the activities of a very busy year in Capitular Masonry.

In referring to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Association, which had appealed to him to allow a canvass of the Subordinate Chapters for funds, he says:—"As the Grand Lodge of Connecticut contributed \$500 for this purpose at its Annual Communication of 1926 and has since learned that of \$12,900 collected only \$440 had been expended for relief; \$10,000 having been used for organization, printing, salaries, etc., I was of opinion that any funds sent to this Association would not be judiciously expended, therefore, took no action on the Communication." The foregoing is quite illuminating.

The Dispensations issued were for routine matters. The M. E. Grand High Priest says:—"I am pleased to announce that no requests were made for shortening the time for Candidates to receive their degrees."

Among the Decisions is one that Masonic Residence is identical with legal residence, and if the Brethren claimed their legal residence in Denver, Col., and Worcester, Mass., and exercise their franchise there, their applications cannot be received in any Chapter in this Jurisdiction.

A member of a Chapter in Scotland applied for membership in a Chapter in Connecticut and was elected contingent on his receiving a demit from his Chapter in Scotland. This was refused by his Chapter in Scotland on the ground that he was a life member of the Chapter in Scotland and they did not issue demits to life members. Decided that the Chapter in Connecticut could not elect him to Membership, as Connecticut must abide by the law of the Chapter in Scotland, and the law of Connecticut prohibits dual membership. This could not occur in Pennsylvania as under our law the demit must accompany the petition.

Twelve official visitations are reported. Five visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions, among them Pennsylvania being reported.

He recommends that the Office of Grand Lecturer be created, and that the present system of apportioning the work of visiting Subordinate Chapters for inspection and instruction be abolished. His reasoning is sound and is evidently the result of close observation and experience.

He devotes considerable space to the elimination of the degree of Past Master in Pennsylvania and recommends that where a Royal Arch Mason hailing from a Jurisdiction not recognizing the Past Master, desires to visit a Chapter in Connecticut, that he be healed by conferring the Past Master Degree upon him without fee. This would qualify the Companions to visit or affiliate with a Chapter in Connecticut. This is a most Fraternal act, and we assure the Companions of Connecticut is fully appreciated by Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the Grand High Priest's Decisions.

The report of the Grand Treasurer, M. E. Companion GEORGE N. DELAP, shows the Grand Chapter of Connecticut to be in fine financial condition.

The report of the Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion GEORGE A. KIES is, as always, most complete. It shows a net gain of 137, with a total membership of 16,668 in the forty-four Chartered Chapters.

The Ritual Committee recommended shortening the R. A. Degree.

The Review of other Grand Chapters is by P. G. H. P., and present Grand Secretary GEORGE A. KIES (it is his nineteenth), and like the preceding eighteen is excellent. In his introduction, he says, speaking of the large number dropped in different Grand Chapters for N. P. D. "We are now reaping the crop sown in the feverish period of the War, when we were flooded with Candidates. We believe the present condition is but the prelude to our gradual return to normalcy."

Pennsylvania is Fraternally reviewed. Speaking of the P. M., he says:—"The P. M. ought never to have been included in the Capitular Curriculum. So far as Connecticut is concerned, our Chapters have by longtime custom conferred the degree gratis upon visiting R. A. Masons, who lacked it. This custom, which also obtains in other States, is perfectly logical and equitable."

An extensive quotation is made from M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion DARROW's address.

M. E. Companion EDWARD A. KLATTE, Grand High Priest.

M. E. GEORGE A. KIES, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

DELAWARE.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware was held in the City of Wilmington, January 19, 1927, all Grand Officers present.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE O. FEARON, in his annual address, gave a very complete review of the work during the year.

During the year he visited every Subordinate Chapter in the Jurisdiction (five). He also visited the same number of Grand Jurisdictions (five), and the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association. He reports requesting a waiver of Jurisdiction from Pennsylvania, which of course, was granted.

One Dispensation is reported to a Subordinate Chapter to call their Convocation a half hour earlier than provided by the By-laws, in order to take care of additional business. We have our doubts about the authority of a M. E. Grand High Priest to set aside the By-laws of a Subordinate Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest reports that there has been a net loss of fifty-four in the membership during the year.

The present membership as reported is 2,014.

The loss noted was caused by one Chapter suspending forty-four.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion THOMAS J. DAY. It is concise and gives a fine review giving the important and outstanding features from each Jurisdiction reviewed.

Pennsylvania, for 1925, is fraternally reviewed, and a liberal excerpt from M. E. Grand High Priest DARROW's address is given.

M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion J. WALLACE WOODFORD.

R. E. Grand Secretary, JOHN W. MACKLEM.

J. M. C.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held February 9, 1927 at seven P. M. It takes but one evening a year to transact the business of that Jurisdiction.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion DANIEL G. DAVIS, in his address says:—

“Men seldom attain all the objectives toward which they set their feet and during my term as Grand High Priest it has been my lot to fall short of the goal, which I set out to reach.” That has a very human sound to our ears. He gave some splendid advice to the Officers of the Subordinate Chapters, stressing the point that unless they fully believed what they attempted to impart, they would certainly fail.

He notes a net loss in the membership of the Grand Chapter of 119 this year as against a loss of fifty-three last year. He calls attention to the fact that in the past two years there was a total loss of 927 of which 512 were suspensions for non-payment of dues. The total Exaltations during the two years was 532. Eleven Chapters report numerical losses and but five gains.

While the M. E. Grand High Priest was a bit discouraged, a careful examination convinces us that it was more circumstances probably uncontrollable, that caused the loss for the past two years rather than indifference or negligence on the part of the Officers of the Subordinate Chapters. Where 532 are exalted, there is still a lot of life and hope. While we “don’t understand” yet we believe fully that much good comes out of just such experiences. It will cause the Companions to think seriously of the good of the Chapter, a thing always to be desired.

Decided, that under the Constitution, a petitioner must reside in the District for twelve months prior to presenting his petition and refused to grant a dispensation to permit a petitioner who had been a rather intermittent resident of the District to make application. He very wisely advised, that as he was now a permanent resident, he might very well wait until he had complied with the law.

His address covers practically every phase of the work and is most comprehensive and complete.

A most complete report is presented by Grand Secretary KEIPER. It shows a present membership of 6,439. It also shows receipts and expenditures of the Subordinate Chapters. It is really a condensed Compendium of our Auditors reports. Such a report must be of great value to the Chapters of the District. It is the best which comes to our desk.

M. E. Companion CHARLES R. BARTLETT, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion J. CLAUDE KEIPER, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

ENGLAND.

The proceedings of the Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England was held Wednesday, May 4, 1927. We have before us a pamphlet of the proceedings. It consists mostly of title and names.

Petitions for fourteen new Chapters were received and granted, each attached to a Lodge. One Chapter in Calcutta, Bengal, was erased from the roll.

A Resolution allowing the Three Principals to appoint the other Officers, except Treasurer, instead of electing them was unanimously passed.

No statistics of work done or membership are published.

M. E. Grand First Principal, Lord AMPHILL.

Sir COLVILLE SMITH, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

FLORIDA, 1927.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Eighty-first Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, at 10 A. M., Tuesday, May 17, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

Three Grand Officers were absent. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present, also thirty-five Grand Representatives, including M. E. Companion, Past Grand High Priest, LOUIS C. MASSEY, representing Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion, E. L. SHEAR, Grand High Priest presented a comprehensive report.

He gave suitable recognition on the passing of Florida's stellar, Past Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Companion IRVING E. WEBSTER.

He reported having appointed Companion WILLIAM F. GOODWIN, Grand Representative, vice Past Grand High Priest, HENRY OSCAR KLINE, deceased.

One Chapter was instituted.

The Grand Chapter transmitted \$2,000 to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, CARY B. FISH, for relief of the Florida hurricane sufferers and \$500 was donated for Mississippi flood relief.

The Grand Treasurer, M. E. Companion MARCUS ENDEL, Past Grand High Priest, submitted his twenty-ninth report as Grand Treasurer and was present at forty-nine consecutive meetings of his Grand Chapter.

Three dispensations were issued to form new Chapters.

Florida had a net gain in membership of 590.

The Committee on Membership reported on the loss of two of Florida's Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions IRVING E. WEBSTER and THOMAS G. HUTCHINSON.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws recommended the granting of three new charters.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was received and adopted and included:

“In reference to the action of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania at its last Convocation, we recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, at the last Grand Convocation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, that body by official action eliminated the Degree of Past Master as a pre-requisite to, or any part of Royal Arch Masonry in that Grand Jurisdiction; that no companion hailing from the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania who has not received the degree of Past Master shall be admitted as a visitor in any Royal Arch Chapter in Florida, nor is he eligible for election to membership by affiliation, unless healed. Hereafter, if any Royal Arch Companion hailing from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania shall seek to affiliate in this Grand Jurisdiction and has not received the Past Master's degree, it shall be necessary that such applicant be healed, which may be done without charge, by the Subordinate Chapter, if deemed proper so to do.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to disseminate this edict to each of the Subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to send a copy of this edict to each of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions.”

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is again by its Chairman, that Masonic and more especially Capitular Light, M. E. Companion ELY P. HUBBELL, Past Grand High Priest.

M. E. CARY B. FISH, Grand High Priest, Sarasota.

M. E. WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.

H. F. B.

IDAHO, 1927.

The Nineteenth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple, at Twin Falls, Idaho, on Wednesday, May 18, 1927, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Three Grand Officers were absent and two Chapters were not represented. Seven Past Grand High Priests were present. Thirty-two Grand Representatives were in attendance, including E. Companion JOHN W. SHORE, representing Pennsylvania.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion HOWARD R. McBRIDE, in his address reported the granting of seven dispensations, several to confer degrees at places other than the regular meeting place of the subordinate Chapters.

He reported the sending of \$100 from the Masonic Charity Fund to both the Grand Master of Florida for victims of the hurricane and to the officials administering the Mississippi flood relief fund.

He mentioned the installation of officers by Excellent Companion GEORGE MACKENZIE "without the presence of book or prompting." This is rather surprising to Pennsylvania Companions where "book" is never used and "prompting" almost unknown.

He expressed these timely sentiments:

"If we are to have a better fraternity—we must have individual loyalty exemplified by attendance and interest. In the last decade the world has been torn to pieces by a great disaster, politically and morally. We cannot continue in it as it is. It will have to be rebuilt and built better than it was before the war. And in my judgment it will have to be on the basis of a higher type of personal character."

The report of the Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion EDWARD H. WAY, disclosed a net loss in membership of fifty-six; the finances, however, showed a slight gain.

M. E. Companion HENRY LEIMBURGER, Grand Lecturer, presented an interesting report of the activities of Subordinate Chapters, reporting good work being performed, good material obtained and chapters generally in a healthy condition.

A resolution was passed appropriating \$200 annually "to assist the entertaining Chapter defray the expense of the Grand Convocation."

Boise was chosen for the 1928 Convocation.

The proceedings are embellished by the pictures of M. E. Companion HOWARD R. McBRIDE, G. H. P. 1926-7, and of M. E. Companion GEORGE O. BUHN, G. H. P. 1927-8. The volume contains the usual memorial pages, lists of officers past and present; returns of Chapters and considerable other capitular information; also the report of

the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, including Pennsylvania, 1926.

GEORGE O. BUHN, M. E. Grand High Priest, Boise.

EDWARD H. WAY, R. E. Grand Secretary, Boise.

H. F. B.

ILLINOIS, 1926.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the grand ball-room of the La Salle Hotel, City of Chicago, on Thursday, the 28th day of October, A. D. 1926, at ten o'clock, A. M.

All Grand Officers except the Sentinel were present. Companion JAMES O'MAY, Grand Chaplain, led the devotions, by offering, as usual, a learned poetic prayer.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. Forty-three Grand Representatives, including Companion A. P. BAUER, representing Pennsylvania, were present, also all the District Inspectors, twenty-seven in number.

A musical program was provided previous to opening the Grand Chapter, which indeed seems worthy of imitation.

Companion CHARLES C. DAVIS, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, was received with the Grand Honors.

Other Distinguished Visitors were Companion GLEN F. COE, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Illinois, and Companion GEORGE E. WILKINSON, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Illinois.

M. E. Grand High Priest, ANDREW J. SCHATTGEN, presented a concise annual report. He stated: "The year

just past, though not fruitful of great increase in point of numbers, has nevertheless been one of progress in that greater essential of 'who best can work and best agree' ''.

He called attention to the loss sustained by the death of Companion GEORGE W. CURTISS, R. E. Grand Treasurer and three other Past Grand High Priests.

Three new Chapters were constituted and two instituted.

Five schools were conducted. He commended the work of the District Inspectors which he termed "indispensable."

Chicago's pep again manifested itself in inquiries "whether wrestling bouts and exhibitions of boxing were permissible as a part of an evening's entertainment by Chapters." We consider the decision most wise, that "there was probably a time and a place for such exhibitions, they are not to be included as a part of the program of entertainment sponsored by a Royal Arch Chapter, or by Royal Arch Masons, acting as such."

Dispensations issued were many; various vacancies were filled, appointments made and recommended and numerous interstate courtesies were granted and requested, all of which may well be expected of so large and flourishing a Jurisdiction as Illinois.

The reports of the twenty-seven District Inspectors reflected a generally healthy active devotion to further Capitular Masonry in Illinois in a worth-while manner.

The report of the R. E. Grand Secretary, Companion JAMES E. JEFFERS, Past Grand High Priest, disclosed that Illinois has over ninety thousand Capitular Masons and still leads in point of numbers among the various Grand Chapters. His report does not mention the many ways in which we feel Illinois also leads.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters reported and we learn the net membership gain in 1926 was 1,565; total membership, 90,569.

Companion EVERETT R. TURNBULL, Past Grand High Priest and Committee on Fraternal Relations presented his eighth report, which includes a review of Pennsylvania, 1925.

On motion, a resolution was adopted re-establishing fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, difficulties between said Grand Lodge and the M. E. Grand Chapter of Quebec, arising in 1884, having been satisfactorily adjusted.

Companion JAMES O'MAY, Grand Chaplain, addressed the Companions assembled on "The Spirit of Masonry in the World's Development." Grand Chapter extended its thanks on motion of Companion GEORGE M. MOULTON, Past Grand High Priest, who referred to the address as a masterful and eloquent oration. We so consider it and more and desire to assure Companion O'MAY that it will be disseminated among the Companions of Pennsylvania, likely by its delivery, by proxy, in certain Chapters of this State.

The obituary report is again by that inspiring Companion, FRANK F. COLLINS and is again, as expected, unique.

He was unfortunately obliged to refer to the heavy loss of this Grand Jurisdiction in the passing of four illustrious Past Grand High Priests, Companion WILBUR CLAY HADLEY, the eldest, at the age of eighty-three; Companion GEORGE W. CURTIS, Grand Treasurer for twenty-three years; Companion ARTHUR E. WOOD, and the junior Past Grand High Priest, Companion HIRAM ALBERT CLEVELAND, at the age of fifty-six. He noted the loss we sustained in the death of our Past Grand High Priests, HENRY OSCAR KLINE and A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.

A unanimous rising vote of thanks was extended for the marvelous report.

The proceedings are replete with capitular information, contain the pictures of Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion A. J. SCHATTGEN, and the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIS McFEELY, also the eighth report of M. E. Companion EVERETT R. TURNBULL, Past Grand High Priest as the Committee on Fraternal Relations; he reviewed most kindly Pennsylvania, 1925. Thanks.

WILLIS McFEELY, M. E. Grand High Priest, 166 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago.

JAMES E. JEFFERS, R. E. Grand Secretary, Box 656, Springfield.
H. F. B.

GEORGIA, 1927.

The M. E. Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia met in its One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation, at Macon, April 27 and 28, A. D. 1927.

M. E. Companion, BERT S. LEE, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States was a Distinguished Visitor.

All but one Grand Officer was present. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests participated in the deliberations. Companion W. G. MEALOR, representing Pennsylvania, was in attendance.

M. E. Companion HUGH W. TAYLOR, Grand High Priest, in his address paid well deserved tribute to that pillar of Masonry, the late M. E. Companion JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, General Grand High Priest, who died November 27, 1926.

He issued numerous dispensations, to confer degrees out of time, to elect officers out of time and to move place of meeting.

He issued a communication to Subordinate Chapters to set apart a date during October for reunion and honor to his grandfather, JAMES W. TAYLOR, and granted a special dispensation "to all Chapters to receive petitions, ballot on same, and confer the degrees on said date," and states that practically one half of the exaltations, since the institution of "Fall Reunions," have been made at those reunions.

He recommended that:

"Since the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has cut out the Past Master's degree, I recommend that this Grand Chapter not allow any Companion from that Jurisdiction to visit any Chapter in this Jurisdiction until such a Companion shall have been healed and that Chapters in Georgia be authorized to confer the Past Master's degree as a courtesy on such Companion."

He endorsed the movement "fostered by Companion E. A. KING, of Pittsburgh, Pa., soliciting Chapter Pennies from all Chapters in the United States, to be deposited in the Scottish Rite Temple in Washington, D. C."

Grand Secretary, EDGAR A. McHAN, having been made an Honorary Grand High Priest, was presented with a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel and loving tribute was paid to him by Past Grand High Priest, ROBERT L. COLDING.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Companion P. T. McCUTCHEN, who fraternally reviewed, Pennsylvania, 1926.

The Committee on Grand Lecturer's report highly praised his work and well they might for Companion E. A. McHAN is indeed an inspiration to the Companions.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted including a recommendation that "no Companion hailing from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania who has not received the Past Master's degree be permitted to visit any of the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction."

The proceedings contain much capitular information, including a roster of all capitular masons in Georgia, the Proceedings of the Order of High Priests and the third Annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence by Companion P. T. McCUTCHEN, who fraternally reviewed, Pennsylvania, 1926.

W. FRANK WELLS, Grand High Priest, 701 Medical Art Building, Atlanta.

EDGAR A. McHAN, Grand Secretary, Macon.

H. F. B.

INDIANA, 1926.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in Eighty-first Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, in the City of Elkhart, at two o'clock P. M., Wednesday, October 20, 1926.

All Grand Officers were present; fourteen of twenty-three Past Grand High Prests and thirty-five of sixty Grand Representatives. Companion David E. Smith, representing Pennsylvania was absent.

The following Distinguished Guests were present:

M. E. CHARLES C. DAVIS, General Grand King, and R. E. CHARLES A. CONOVER, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, U. S. A.

M. E. GEORGE K. PHILLIPS, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion STANLEY A. FARNUM, Deputy Grand High Priest; M. E. LOU B. WINSOR, Past Grand High Priest; R. I. JOHN H. KINGSLEY, Past Grand Master, and M. W. CLARK McKENZIE, Past Grand Master; all of Michigan. R. I. HENRY W. MORDHURST, General Grand Recorder, and R. I. ROBERT A. WOODS, General Grand Marshal, of General Grand Council, U. S. A., together with M. W. RICHARD H. SCHWEITZER, Past Grand Master, of Indiana.

Eight Companions were named on the Foreign Correspondence Committee, but only one functioned, the review having been "prepared by its Chairman." M. E. Companion KARL FERDINAND BOSWORTH, Grand High Priest, presented his address and we learn that this Grand Chapter lost none of its Grand Officers by death during the past year but made suitable recognition of the passing of many distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions, including our lamented Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, and M. E. Companion, HENRY OSCAR KLINE.

Thomas R. Marshall Chapter was instituted, also Whiting Chapter of Whiting, Indiana.

Two Chapters were constituted.

The Grand High Priest approved numerous amendments to By-Laws and general revisions thereof; many dispensations were also granted; several applications therefor were refused. He made few visitations. He stated:

"It should be a matter of gratification to us all to know that for the first time in many years, the annual returns of the several Chapters were filed with the Grand Secretary, and payment of annual dues made, within the time required by the General Regulations."

R. E. Companion VESTAL W. WOODWARD, Grand Treasurer, presented a healthy financial report.

R. E. Companion ROBERT A. WOODS, Grand Secretary, reported, *inter alia*, "From the above tables it is not difficult to see where the cause of our poor showing arises. Two hundred and fifteen less exaltations than in 1924 and fifty-nine more suspensions, or 274 total loss from these two sources alone." Yet the Indiana membership, January 1, 1926, was 33,418, against 33,361 on January 1, 1925. Not so bad.

E. Companion HERBERT A. GRAHAM, Grand Lecturer, presented a detailed report of his work, which was well done and provocative of much good.

A memorial resolution was adopted and "sent to the families of each of the departed Companions."

At the annual dinner, Grand Chaplain Rev. EDGAR FAY DAUGHERTY addressed the diners on "Hold that Line." We quote:

"Masonry, like the church of the living God, has witnessed down the stream of the years, the rise and fall of empires, the mutations which o'er-take and entangle most creations merely human—but Masonry, like the Church, serenely persists, despite all assailant charges from without, or lamentable betrayals from within its ranks. From the time of the Boston Tea Party, which was largely a Masonic hazing expedition, to the last sectional embarkation of the A. E. F. for France, there have been in American political and social contacts, two sobering, steadying, consecrating, constructive influences, the one through public opinion inspired by the church, the other through the gripping character integrity which is the Masonic vertebrae of an incurably Protestant republic."

E. Companion HARRY GRANT WERKOFF, of Indianapolis Chapter of Indianapolis offered a resolution to amend the Constitution so that Past High Priests of Subordinate Chapters would be members of the Grand Chapter during their membership in Subordinate Chapters but failing of a "second" the proposed amendment was declared lost.

The Indiana Council of Anointed High Priests met in the Masonic Temple, Elkhart, at 5.30 P. M., October 20, 1926.

M. E. Companion ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, Past Grand High Priest, presented his Sixteenth Annual review of capitular activities in sixty-one grand Jurisdictions, including Pennsylvania, 1925. He says "the East does not now, never has, and never will, understand us." We hope the prophecy of this statement is incorrect. We are sorry we cannot be enlightened and fear we may be able

to enlighten even in answering why Companions who had not received the Order of High Priesthood should not be present at the installation of a Grand High Priest. ORDINARY High Priests are not SUBMERGED in Pennsylvania, they may remain while a Pennsylvania Grand High Priest is installed. We beg to merely say that the reviewer has possibly lost sight of the fact that in Pennsylvania ORDINARY High Priests continue as members of Grand Chapter after their several terms of office expire and Kings and Scribes of Subordinate Chapters are also members of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. Ordinary Companions are also frequent visitors at Pennsylvania Grand Chapter meetings and are welcome thereat except during the installation of a Grand High Priest, when those, who have not been installed a High Priest or have had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon them, are not permitted to be present.

M. E. Grand High Priest, ELEAZAR KNIGHT AMSDEN,
Waldron.

R. E. Grand Secretary, ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, P. G.
H. P., Princeton. H. F. B.

IOWA, 1926.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa convened in its Seventy-third Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Dubuque, Iowa, October 14, 1926, at nine o'clock, A. M. All Grand Officers were present.

Distinguished visitors present were:

Companion LEWIS SMITH, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Nebraska; Companion HARRY D. CONE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand

Chapter of Nebraska; Companion WILLIAM W. SHAW, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota; Companion WILLIAM H. VANIDERSTINE, Past Grand High Priest and Special Representative of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan; Companion PERCY E. BROWN, Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa; Companion FREDERIC B. PARKER, Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa; and Companion FREDERICK W. CRAIG, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America. Forty-one Grand Representatives were present; Pennsylvania was not represented.

M. E. Grand High Priest ARTHUR D. MEEKER read his annual address, filled with evidences of his loving service. He called attention to the net loss in membership of one hundred and thirty-one, and felt satisfied that the many suspensions on account of non-payment of dues was not caused only by reason of "a shortage of money." He was not obliged to make any decisions and issued but few dispensations. A Chapter offering a prize for petitions was reproved when he said "I was very much surprised and did not suppose a Chapter in our Jurisdiction would stoop so low as to offer a prize to obtain candidates."

He recommended that District Schools be discontinued.

He closes with:

"I'd like to think that here and there
When I am gone, there shall remain
A happier spot that might have not
Existed had I toiled for gain;
That some one's cheery voice and smile
Shall prove that I had been worth while;
That I had paid with something fine
My debt to God for life divine."

The report of Companion L. J. CLARKE, Grand Treasurer, reflected substantial net results.

Companion ORVIS F. GRAVES, Grand Secretary, *inter alia*, reported that "all chapters have made their annual reports and all dues have been paid." He also reported that 80 per cent. of the suspensions were of companions exalted in the years 1919 and 1920.

Companion THOMAS P. SHAFFER presented the report of the Necrology Committee in which reference is made to our beloved Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH and M. E. Companion HENRY OSCAR KLINE.

M. E. Companion Past Grand High Priest, E. M. WILLARD, as the Committee on Correspondence, presented his report, having reviewed sixty Grand Chapters, including Pennsylvania, 1925.

We learn from the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters that eighteen Chapters showed no uncollected dues. Heartiest congratulations. This report also tells of the formation of the Secretary's Guild, an organization of Secretaries to meet annually at the time of the Grand Chapter meeting to further the best interests of Capitular Masonry by more intelligent and efficient Secretarial service.

A picture of M. E. Companion A. D. MEEKER, Grand High Priest, reflects the genial personality of this modest but active Mason.

Statistical tables and much capitular masonic information is, as usual, contained in the Transactions of the Grand Chapter of Iowa.

JAMES H. STERLING, M. E. Grand High Priest, Eagle Grove.

O. F. GRAVES, R. E. Grand Secretary, Harlan.

H. F. B.

KANSAS, 1926.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in the Masonic Temple, Topeka, Kan., on Monday, February 22, A. D. 1926, at 2.30 P. M.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were present, also forty-eight Grand Representatives including, M. E. Companion, FRANK E. DAVIS, representing Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion BEN S. PAULEN, the Grand High Priest, delivered a learned address from which we learn that Kansas gained 367 in membership, making its total 21,723. It lost its valued and just Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion WILLIAM I. STUART.

Two Chapters were constituted.

E. Companion LAVELLE C. HICKS, Grand Lecturer, continued his excellent work in instructing Chapter Officers to do creditable work.

This Grand Chapter put into operation its law requiring all Chapters to use a prepared form of official receipt containing a facsimile signature of the Grand Secretary and Seal of the Grand Chapter, which we consider a worthwhile innovation.

Kansas also requires standard forms of blanks and records books, also a commendable departure; also its requirement that evidence of good standing in lodge is necessary before Chapter receipts can be issued.

The report of the Committee on Necrology submitted by its Chairman, E. Companion JESSE L. RELEFORD, was a comforting presentation of sublime truths.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by its Chairman, R. E. Companion ALBERT K. WILSON, who fraternally reviewed Pennsylvania, 1924.

The proceedings contain excellent pictures of M. E. Grand High Priest BEN S. PAULEN, as a frontispiece; of M. E. Companion WILLIAM INGRAM STUART, Deputy Grand High Priest, now deceased, and the appointive Grand Officers.

M. E. GEORGE W. TROUT, Grand High Priest, Pittsburgh.

R. E. ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, Topeka.

H. F. B.

KANSAS, 1927.

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in the York Rite Temple, Wichita, Kan., on Monday, February 21, A. D. 1927, at 2.30 P. M.

All Grand Officers were present, also thirteen Past Grand High Priests, including M. E. Companion, JOHN W. NEILSON, General Grand Captain of the Host and forty-five Grand Representatives, but Pennsylvania's was not among them.

M. E. Companion GEORGE W. TROUT, Grand High Priest, delivered an address evidencing his interest in Capitular Masonry, his numerous activities during his term of office and the general healthful conditions in Kansas. He recommended that \$29,000 of Liberty Bonds be placed in the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home at Wichita. He highly complimented Companion LAVELLE C. HICKS, the Grand Lecturer, who has done work of inestimable value.

He reported the fact "that several Chapters in our Jurisdiction have assumed the management and sponsorship of dances and frivolous entertainments of a vaudeville nature, and so far as I have been advised the expenses incident thereto have been paid out of the funds of the Chapter."

“Such action on the part of any Chapter is a distinct misinterpretation of the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry, which are too sublime and sacred to be confounded with light and frivolous entertainment.”

R. E. Companion ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, presented his report. Under the commissioning of Grand Representatives we note the appointment of FRANK F. MATHERS, as Grand Representative of Kansas near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction continue to file their charters in the Archives of the Grand Chapter and certified photographic copies are furnished the Chapters for their use. The net gain in membership was thirty-two.

The report on Necrology was submitted by E. Companion ELLIS FINK, and was a beautiful tribute of Capitular faith to departed companions.

E. Companion LAVELLE C. HICKS, Grand Lecturer, presented his report and rejoiced at improvements. We note some Chapters were formerly used as “stepping stones to the Commandery.” Not so bad, but we agree that Capitular Masonry should be more than “stepping stones.” HE VISITED EVERY CHAPTER.

Heartiest congratulations. Satisfactory results must follow such devotion to duty.

The recommendation of the Grand High Priest that \$29,000 of Fourth Liberty Bonds be donated to the Endowment Fund of the Kansas Masonic Home was approved and adopted.

R. E. Companion ALBERT K. WILSON presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence, reviewing forty-six Grand Chapters, including Pennsylvania, 1925. He found that “eleven of the forty-six Grand Chapters reviewed show a net loss in membership, which so far as the writer has been able to ascertain from the records,

is the greatest loss ever sustained in any one year in Royal Arch Masonry.”

Statistical tables, pictures of appointive Grand Officers for 1926. a picture of Past Grand High Priest, GEORGE W. TROUT, his biographical sketch, the Proceedings of the M. E. Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Kansas and the Report on Correspondence comprises a very informative and interesting volume of the 1927 proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Kansas. Pennsylvania, 1925, is fraternally reviewed in the Report on Correspondence.

M. E. Companion JAMES E. McCLELLAND, Grand High Priest, Independence.

R. E. ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, Topeka.

H. F. B.

KENTUCKY, 1926.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing October 19, 1926, and was opened in *Ample Form* on the Royal Arch Degree, at 7.30 P. M.

All Grand Officers were present except Companion A. W. WHITEHEAD, Grand Royal Arch Captain, who was absent on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Whitehead. Twenty-two of twenty-three Past Grand High Priests honored this Convocation with their presence.

M. E. Grand High Priest FRANK D. RASH delivered a comprehensive address in which loving tribute was paid to the Junior Past Grand High Priest, W. R. JOHNSTON, whose “passing brought immeasurable sorrow to thousands of masons and friends.”

He visited eight Chapters, noting pleasing and impressive work.

A dispensation was granted for a new Chapter at Hazard.

The charter of Mt. Eden Chapter was arrested.

He recommended an appropriation to the building fund of the New Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home.

The Grand Secretary, G. ALLISON HOLLAND, presented a detailed report of the numerous activities of this aged Grand Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest GEORGE A. LEWIS for the Committee on Necrology presented a comforting dissertation, in loving memory of an unusual number of companions who have

"Gone unto the Land upon whose peaceful shore
There rests no shadow—falls no stain.
Where those who meet shall part no more
And those long parted meet again."

The names of our beloved M. E. Past Grand High Priests, HENRY OSCAR KLINE, and A. G. CRISWELL SMITH are recorded.

Companion W. W. CLARKE tendered his report as Committee on Doings of other Grand Chapters in which he fraternally reviewed Pennsylvania, 1925.

Among the Distinguished Visitors present was Companion JOHN H. COWLES, of Washington, D. C., Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Ancient Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Companion EVERETT PETERSON, for the Committee on Inspection, read a very satisfactory report noting that of one hundred and forty-seven Subordinate Chapters, one hundred and thirty-seven were inspected.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee, \$20,000 was appropriated to the funds of the Building Committee of the Grand Lodge, in the matter of the construction of the new Masonic Home, one building of which shall be known and designated as "The building of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

The proceedings contain pictures of M. E. Companion VIRGIL P. SMITH, Grand High Priest; of M. E. Companion WILLIAM R. JOHNSTON, Past Grand High Priest, and P. G. M. Companion WILLIAM W. CLARKE, Correspondent.

M. E. Companion VIRGIL P. SMITH, Grand High Priest, Somerset.

R. E. Companion G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Grand Secretary, Lexington. H. F. B.

LOUISIANA, 1927.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana convened in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, on February 8, 1927, at ten o'clock, A. M., in its Eightieth Annual Grand Convocation.

All Grand Officers were in attendance, also eleven Past Grand High Priests and thirty-two Grand Representatives, not including R. E. Companion JOSEPH DAWIDOFF, Representative of Pennsylvania.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, H. W. PALFREY, addressed his Grand Chapter and said:

"Since last we met we have seen fulfilled the dreams of the Craft for a generation or so, in the erection and completion of a Temple that would worthily represent, before the eyes of the profane, the high principles of Masonry, and standing as it does in a commanding position, attract and hold the attention of the passerby."

Under Necrology, he mentioned our beloved Past Grand High Priests, H. OSCAR KLINE and A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, who passed on.

He twice disciplined Chapters for "horseplay."

His visitations brought results "beyond our expectations."

One Chapter was instituted.

Sixteen District Deputy Grand High Priests are named in this Grand Jurisdiction, but the Grand High Priest says:

"While I have had reports and hearty co-operation from some of the above, I regret that some have not seen the necessity of so doing, and recommend that in the future it should be understood that the acceptance of the position of District Deputy carries with it the obligation of making reports."

The report of M. E. Companion, H. F. GRIMM, Grand Treasurer, reflected financial progress.

The report of Companion JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary, showed a net numerical loss in membership of forty-eight.

The Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion H. F. GRIMM, visited fifty-four of sixty Chapters in Louisiana and reported "nearly all of the Chapters are in a reasonably active condition."

Thirty-three Grand Representatives answered Roll Call, not including R. E. Companion JOSEPH DAWIDOFF, representing Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Work expressed the belief that requiring "That the High Priests elect of the several Constituent Chapters of this Jurisdiction shall not be installed, unless they are proficient in the Ritualistic Work and are able to confer the several degrees in a creditable manner; his proficiency to be determined by a certificate from the Grand Lecturer or the District Deputy

of his Chapter'' "would be impracticable, if not impossible." The Jurisprudence Committee agreed with them and a resolution to that effect was, consequently, not adopted. We merely beg to say that in Pennsylvania the requirement is practical and possible and most beneficial to capitular masonry.

The proceedings contain annual returns of constituent Chapters, much capitular information, the Seventh Annual Review on Foreign Correspondence by R. E. Companion JOHN A. DAVILLA, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who reviewed Pennsylvania, 1925.

The proceedings contain a picture and biography of M. E. Companion CHARLES FRANCIS RATCLIFF, the incoming Grand High Priest.

CHARLES FRANCIS RATCLIFF, Grand High Priest, Baton Rouge.

JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary, New Orleans.

H. F. B.

MAINE.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine was held at Woodfords, Portland, on June 12, 1926, for the purpose of constituting Mount Sinai Chapter.

A Special Convocation of the G. R. A. Chapter of Masons was also held at New Gloucester, on October 9, 1926, for the purpose of constituting Boaz Chapter.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in its One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, at Portland, on Tuesday, May 3, 1927, at seven o'clock. All Grand Officers were present. One hundred and twenty-four representatives of sixty-four of

the sixty-nine chartered Chapters were also present, together with fourteen of the fifteen living Past Grand High Priests, twenty of the other twenty-five Permanent Members, including fifty-four of the fifty-seven Representatives of other Grand Chapters, including M. E. Companion, FRANKLIN R. REDLON, Past Grand High Priest, representing Pennsylvania; together with visiting Royal Arch Masons. A truly worthwhile record attendance.

The following distinguished guests were present:

Companion HARRY G. POLLARD, M. Ex. Grand High Priest, and Companion WILLIAM A. EMERSON, R. Ex. Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; Companion HENRY L. SANDERSON, M. Ex. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire; Companion SAMUEL J. FOSTER, R. Ex. Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York; Companion LEWIS C. HULL, R. Ex. Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

M. E. Grand High Priest, GEORGE H. BANGS, presented a very full and interesting address. It discloses a healthy condition of Capitular Masonry in Maine, with increased interest manifested by officers and members and resulting in a two hundred and thirteen net gain of membership.

He was not able to visit other Grand Jurisdictions with but one exception, viz., to the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. He made eight inspections, granted several dispensations, approved several By-Laws, recommended certain Grand Representatives, and appointed others; also appointed Companion MELVIN C. ABBOTT, as Grand Sentinel, vice Companion WINSLOW EMERY HOWELL, deceased. He made seven recommendations, most of local interest; the one dealt with the abolition of the moon schedule, the payment of expenses of Past Grand High Priests in attendance at the General Grand Chapter meeting.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion CONVERS E. LEACH, reported on nine visitations; the King, R. E. Companion PHILIP G. HODSDON, on seven; the R. E. Scribe, Companion MARK P. SMITH, on seven. The District Deputy Grand High Priests presented reports of their labors and all indicative of commendable activities in the Chapters of Maine.

Companion SAMUEL B. FURBISH, Grand Lecturer, presented what he attempted should be a "cheerful report," but we agree, as to there being reason for some doubt in the matter; the Companions of Maine having lacked enthusiasm regarding their capitular schools. We trust they may gain light in the future.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers were "not in accord with the recommendation of the G. H. P. regarding the moon schedule, governing the time of holding stated Convocations of Subordinate Chapters," he having recommended fixing of definite days for stated Convocations.

The Committee on Codification of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter reported and its printed report was "referred to the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

A resolution intending to make Royal Arch Masons, in good standing for fifty years, life members, failed of adoption.

The Finance Committee recommended that each of the four Grand Officers and each Past Grand High Priest attending the Triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter be allowed \$200 "to assist in defraying his expenses for such attendance." This was adopted.

A meeting of the Council of the Order of High Priesthood was held May 4, 1927, at 7.30 p. m., and thirty-three Companions were accepted.

M. E. Companion THOMAS H. BODGE, Past Grand High Priest and Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented his report, his eleventh as Correspondent. He fraternally reviewed Pennsylvania, 1926, and fifty-nine other reports.

CONVERS E. LEACH, M. E. Grand High Priest, Portland.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, R. E. Grand Secretary, Portland.

H. F. B.

MANITOBA, 1927.

The Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held in the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, Manitoba, February 2, A. D. 1927; A. I. 2457.

This Grand Chapter still excels in the excellent attendance of its officers; all Past Grand Zs were present and only the Grand Scribe, E. HARRY F. MOULDEN, was absent on account of illness.

A Distinguished Visitor was present in the person of M. E. Companion EDWIN PINKERTON, Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan.

M. E. Companion F. W. BROWNELL, the Grand Z, delivered an impressive address, stressing the value of true friendship and quoting that beautiful poem:

“’Tis the human touch in this world that counts
The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart,
Than shelter and bread and wine.
For the shelter is gone when the night is o’er,
And bread lasts only a day;
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Sing of the soul always.”

He well said:

"The task of every man is to take the raw material of his life, with whatever of glowing passion or hard heredity it may hold; take it as it is, and by patience in spite of blunders, by perseverance in face of failures, by loyalty to an Ideal and fidelity to a noble Life-plan, shape it into a constant beauty and enduring worth."

Under Necrology, he recognized the passing of our beloved Past Grand High Priests, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH and HENRY OSCAR KLINE.

Two new Chapters were instituted.

The Grand Z had the novel experience of not being called upon to render any decisions.

The report of the Grand Auditor showed substantial increase in the net surplus.

The Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, R. E. Companion ARTHUR M. McFAYDEN, presented a detailed report, condensed showing "a very satisfactory condition and splendid feeling."

R. E. Companion CHARLES W. McLACHLIN, as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2, reported on Chapters in his district, which he found in good financial standing, the officers competent and the degrees well conferred.

R. E. Companion B. L. PATTERSON, Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, presented a report of satisfactory conditions in his district.

The report of the Credential Committee showed all Chapters to be represented.

Warrants were granted to two new Chapters on recommendation of the Committee on Warrants and Dispersations.

While Companion JOHN PARTON, at the Convocation, was sure that his work would be fully completed "before the Grand Secretary is ready to send the Book of Proceedings to the printers," his reviews do not appear therein, for which we are truly sorry.

Pennsylvania's Grand Representative did not respond to the Roll Call of Grand Representatives.

The Committee appointed to revise a constitution for the government of this Grand Chapter reported progress and were continued until the next regular convocation when a motion to adopt the proposed constitution will be made. . .

M. Ex. Companion ROBERT HAWKINS, Dauphin, Grand Z.

R. Ex. Companion, FRANK W. BROWNELL, Winnipeg,
Grand Scribe E. H. F. B.

MARYLAND.

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Baltimore, on Tuesday, December 14, 1926, and was opened in *Due Form*.

There were present nineteen Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of the twenty-seven Chapters. There is noted the presence of Companion WILLIAM BOOTH PRICE as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Throughout the Capitular fellowship there is growing attention given to the Grand Representatives and in meeting them at the Altar the Grand High Priest said:

"It affords me much pleasure to welcome each one of you to this Convocation. As far as we are aware, we are today in friendly fraternal correspondence with each of the Jurisdictions represented. We trust you will convey the greetings of this Grand Chapter to your several Jurisdictions, and express the hope that our friendliness may grow into actual fraternal service and help of each other to attain the highest possible exemplification of true Capitular Masonry."

The address of M. E. Companion CHARLES W. ZIMMERMANN, Grand High Priest, gave a very instructive and informing review of the Capitular year. He said that it was with misgivings that he entered upon the year's activities as he carried the responsibilities of Grand Commander of Knights Templar as well as the daily duties of his vocation. He entrusted the matter of visitations to the Grand Inspectors and spoke of their faithfulness to the task. Every Chapter in the Jurisdiction was visited in this manner, and all but one or two reported the Chapters to be in good, healthy condition.

In order to stimulate greater interest in the Chapters he had circulated in the State a pamphlet, "The Necessity of the Royal Arch to the Master Mason." He recommended an educational evening with music and refreshments to which Master Masons might be invited.

He writes in high appreciation of the interstate courtesies that were granted to Maryland and notes especially those received from Pennsylvania. He expressed regret that he was unable to attend any of the Communications of the Grand Chapter of the Keystone State.

The matter of granting Dispensations was exercised conservatively, and very wisely he refused and rebuked the requests for changes in Chapter dates because of the desire, on the part of officers, to attend other Masonic bodies. He has a good word to say for the work and worth of the Chapters of DeMolay. He believes that the George Washington Masonic Memorial is the greatest memorial ever erected.

He found that certain members have been carried by the Chapters who are no longer members in good standing in the Blue Lodge. His suggestion for a remedy was quite simple and it is that the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge be requested to furnish to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter every half year a list of the

Brethren who have been suspended or expelled or who have demitted. And the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge has assured him of his willingness to comply with such request.

The School of Instruction has brought the work of conferring the degrees to a high state of proficiency. It must meet the usual request of those who desire the use of a cipher ritual. The Grand Chapter has corrected the ritual by doing away with all possible horseplay, roughness and unnecessary undignified movements. The Grand High Priest closes with this high expression, "Let the lessons be impressed upon the mind spiritually rather than the body physically. Let us live and act the lessons taught rather than make public and possible unprofitable display thereof." Nothing could be finer.

Another good Report on Foreign Correspondence comes from the pen of Companion HENRY BRANCH. He gives Pennsylvania a full page and fills it with quotations from our Proceedings. We appreciate his kindly attitude toward the work and doings of our Grand Chapter and Grand Officers.

Membership, 9,832, a gain of 116.

M. E. Companion WARREN S. SEIPP, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion GUSTAV A. EITEL, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, December 7, 1926. The entrance of the Grand Officers was announced by the Grand Captain of the Host and the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*.

There were present eighteen Grand Officers, nine permanent members, and the representatives from eighty Chapters and twelve Grand Chapters.

At the morning session three degrees were exemplified. The time occupied for the Mark Master Mason Degree was one hour and twenty-six minutes, for the Past Master Mason Degree twenty-six minutes, and for the Most Excellent Master Mason Degree one hour and six minutes. The Royal Arch Mason Degree was exemplified after luncheon and the time was one hour and forty-five minutes. Total time for the exemplifications was four hours and forty-three minutes. And they called it a day until the evening session.

A host of distinguished Companions were introduced and among them were M. E. Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND, Grand High Priest, and M. E. Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion HARRY G. POLLARD read a very fine annual report. He expressed regret that his reports and notes had been lost in a fire that claimed his desk and filing cases. Massachusetts has the system of Quarterly Convocations as well as the Annual and much of the activities are reported during the year.

The Grand High Priest filled his year with a bewildering list of visitations to Subordinate Chapters and to other Grand bodies. Here is good reading found in his appreciation of Grand Chapter fellowship:

"There is a peculiar significance attached to a gathering like this. Business men and professional men, men of every variety of political thought and of different religious creeds, men of both affluent and humble circumstances, as well as men of both public and private station, are willing and ready to lay aside minor differences of opinion, however ardent and conscientious they may be in their maintenance, that they may meet around our altar in atmosphere of common brotherhood, beneath the smile of Fatherhood omnipotent and divine."

The excellence in ritual continues and he reported a spirit of enthusiasm and zeal that attended the work and visitations of the several deputies. Winthrop Chapter was again in the perfect class in which were two others, Mount Horeb Chapter of Lowell and Sutton Chapter of Lynn. Six or more Chapters were marked practically perfect.

At the Quarterly Convocation held on March 9, 1926, E. Companion R. PERRY BUSH, Grand Chaplain, addressed Grand Chapter on the theme, "The Story of the Royal Arch." At the close of the address, Companion BUSH was presented as a mark of sincere confidence and respect of the entire Craft of Massachusetts with a Thirty-third Degree jewel. It was a complete surprise to the good Companion. Just two days over three weeks from that date, Dr. BUSH, without warning ceased from labor. His death was a shock to his multitude of friends and the Grand Chapter lost one who served so faithfully for nearly twenty years as Grand Chaplain.

The Capitular Review as seen through the mind and heart of R. E. Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE, Grand Secretary, is a treasure to all who will read it. His equipment with Capitular law and usages makes the summary of special value. Massachusetts and Pennsylvania have much in common and it is easy to agree to maintain different viewpoints while in accord in all the real issues of the Fraternity. He says of Pennsylvania that:

"The approving presence of the Grand High Priest has the same authority as can be given by dispensation, which perhaps may be criticised by some correspondents, but if a Grand High Priest can by dispensation authorize that which without it would not be legal why can he not by his presence give the same authority?"

He gives three pages to Pennsylvania and his approval of many of our doings is appreciated.

Membership, 41,860, a gain of 348.

M. E. Companion HARRY G. POLLARD, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion FREDERICK T. COMEE, Grand Secretary.
E. W. R.

MICHIGAN.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan was opened in *Ample Form* in the Masonic Temple in the City of Grand Rapids, on Wednesday, May 18, 1927.

There were present fifteen Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Officers, and two hundred and fifty-three other members of Grand Chapter. Many distinguished guests were present from other Jurisdictions and among them was M. E. Companion THOMAS N. McKEE, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. It is noted, also, that as is his custom, Companion SAMUEL E. BALLANTINE, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, was present and answered Roll Call.

The M. E. Companion GEORGE KING PHILLIPS, Grand High Priest, presented and read his Annual Report. It covers twenty pages of the Proceedings and is full of the detail of a very busy year, of decisions, of many visitations, and of the odds and ends in business of a large Jurisdiction.

He reported the sending of Christmas Greetings in the name of Grand Chapter to Companion FRANK R. LOOPE, a member of Minerva Chapter, but a resident of Seattle. It is better to read his words:

"He is one of the most remarkable cases I have ever known. Bed-ridden for years and yet he is doing more in helping other shut-ins and spreading sunshine than any man that I know. He has a telephone at

his bedside and through it instructs his committees in all of their activities in promoting happiness among the unfortunate. He has two titles in the City of Seattle—one, Doctor of Inspiration; the other, Millionaire of Happiness."

Personal supervision of the Chapters was provided by an allocation of certain territory to each one of the line officers and the results well justify the plan. The charter, seal and records of Gladwin Chapter were lifted. This was first proposed by the Companions of Gladwin Chapter as they were unable to get a quorum for even their annual meeting. This was the smallest Chapter in the State and had a membership of forty. Many dispensations were granted and for very good reasons. A few were refused as the purposes were to rush the degrees in order to make quick time for other Masonic bodies. A number of Chapters moved into new and better buildings and this speaks well for the material betterment of the Craft.

Then follows page after page of detailed visitations. One very interesting evening was the work in Palestine Chapter when more than fifty employes of the Union Trust Company received the Mark Master Mason Degree.

The Grand High Priest made two very wise recommendations. One was that the books of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Secretary be annually audited by a certified accountant. It was made without any shadow of reflection on the present officers but as safeguard and a business-like provision. The other was that the registration of the Mark be made mandatory as in most other Jurisdictions. The registration of the Mark gives distinction of a personal nature to each Royal Arch Mason.

If the report of the Grand High Priest left out anything of the year's work then I am sure that the splendid report of the Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion CHARLES

CONOVER gathered it up. The Proceedings is the most copious volume that comes to my desk and it is packed full of good things.

After a lapse of a number of years, the Annual Capitular Review becomes a welcomed part of the year book. It is the work of M. E. Companion HARRY L. IZOR, P. G. H. P., Fraternal Correspondent. He must have spent the best part of the year in the preparation of the 124 pages of the report, and it is a far seeing one. For a number of years it has been my hope that Michigan would give to us again the advantage of her Capitular knowledge in a renewal of this review, and for it we thank them. Pennsylvania has been given four pages. Permit the writer to express his humiliated gratitude that they have not found true "that this grand old Jurisdiction represents the God of our Fathers, is holier than thou, mightier, or something like that—." Companion IZOR looks over the edge of his Mount Olympus and notes the difference between the Proceedings and those of the forty-seven States in the Union, and says; "Stick to the ship, good Companions of Michigan, while we endeavor to point out a few of the different customs carrying on in Pennsylvania." He adds: "If the number of Grand Chaplains doesn't touch your sense of 'something different,' we've missed our one guess" and, "No matter where we turn in the review—we find something different." I like the good Companion's frankness in the discovery of these forms that differ, but we are not greatly perturbed, as we see affairs conducted differently in other Jurisdictions, nor does our dismay overwhelm us as we are detected as staying too close to the old landmarks. We just like our Companions everywhere. His Capitular journey throughout the many Jurisdictions gives almost a complete glossary and a most skillful analysis of our Craft.

Membership, 47,420, a gain of 621.

M. E. Companion STANLEY AMMON FARNUM, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion CHARLES ARTHUR CONOVER, Grand Secretary.
E. W. R.

MINNESOTA.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of St. Paul, on Tuesday, October 12, 1926. A majority of the subordinate Chapters were represented and the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*.

The Committee on Credentials reported as present, twelve Grand Officers, fifteen permanent members, and ninety-four Representatives of sixty-nine out of eighty-seven Chapters. Again, the Grand Representative from Pennsylvania was absent.

M. E. Companion FRANK H. McCUSKEY, Grand High Priest, presented and read his Annual Report. It was a mighty good business-like detail of a very busy year and shows the care that this splendid leader gave to the work. In becoming humility, he says:

"I feel that the honor is much greater than the service which I have been able to render, but I have done my best and I hope that you will find at least some 'Good Work—True Work—and Square Work' according to the design upon the 'Trestle Board,' bearing in mind, Companions, that perfection on earth has never been attained."

Death entered the Official Family and called R. E. Companion GEORGE D. MOORE, Grand Scribe, in the morning of his days, and his column was broken and his station was made vacant.

A new Chapter was constituted at Robbinsdale, to be known as Temple Chapter, No. 99. Then followed a long list of visitations that covered the entire Jurisdiction. He notes, upon the occasion of his visit to Living Arch Chapter, at Worthington, that this is the only Chapter in the State that has a home of its own and that the Lodge rents its hall from the Chapter. The old building was destroyed by fire three years ago, but now they are in a new and most beautiful structure.

Very few decisions were necessary and the most troublesome one had to do with the matter of jurisdiction in territory between Chapters. This is the cause of so much friction in the Grand Chapters that hold on to this old idea of territorial limits within the State. A very wise decision was that which limits the use of Chapter funds to and for Masonic purposes, as he well adds, otherwise, "Where would you draw the line."

There are some Chapters struggling under a handicap of \$1.00 Annual Dues, with a membership under fifty, and forty cents of the dollar goes to pay Grand Chapter Dues. So, he recommended that the Grand Chapter fix a minimum dues of \$2.00. This was done by more than a two-thirds vote.

Companion W. J. WORKS, Grand Lecturer, in his report, does some very plain talking as to the condition of some Chapters, and his words may well be pondered in other Jurisdictions. He writes:

"The Chapters doing good work always invited criticism and suggestions and seemed eager to learn. The Chapters doing an inferior grade of work seemed to be satisfied with conditions and did not welcome suggestions."

As to some officers, he adds:

"Do not accept the office of High Priest if you do not expect to work. I do not believe I am exaggerating the number when I say that 40 per cent. of the High Priests I have called on say that the job was wished on them and that they have not the time and will not work for the Chapter."

Fourteen Chapters made no exaltations during the past Capitular year, twenty-nine Chapters show a loss in membership, fifty-two Chapters show gains, four Chapters have held their own, and two Chapters have not reported. The Committee on State of the Rite reported that Capitular Masonry needs an awakening of Chapter consciousness. And the Committee was convinced that a number of Chapter officers do not take their duties and obligations seriously enough.

The fifth annual Report on Foreign Correspondence comes from Companion CHARLES S. SCHURMAN, and it is the best of all his good ones. He says this of the Craft in general:

"We seem to have run on leaner years than was the experience a short time ago. There is no ring of pessimism through the reports, however, and some are inclined to believe that perhaps the greater numerical growth of other years was not really the best that might have happened. However, the condition of the Royal Craft as a whole seems to be quite satisfactory, and all along the line there is evidenced progress in the things that make for the betterment of the Craft."

He gives three pages to Pennsylvania and picks out the high spots of the year's work. Courteous and kind are his commendations. He likes the district meetings in the thoroughness of their results.

Membership, 17,040, a gain of 239.

M. E. Companion THOMAS MORRIS, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, Royal Arch Masons, was held in the City of Meridian on April 12, 1927, and was opened in *Ample Form*.

There were present fifteen Grand Officers and eleven Past Grand High Priests. Most of the subordinate Chapters were represented. We note the absence of the Grand Representative from Pennsylvania, and then later in the Proceedings is the item of a new appointment. We are happy to have M. E. Companion J. RICE WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P., appointed to represent Pennsylvania.

Before reading the Annual Address of M. E. Companion IRVIN M. MOODY, Grand High Priest, one must stop and look at a very pleasing picture of the good Companion and then the reading is all the more delightful. A modest summary of the year's work does not hide the extent of his busy days.

There were a number of Chapters that were joined in consolidations: Kemper Chapter, No. 126, with Meridian Chapter, No. 25; J. D. Ferguson Chapter, No. 121, with Jackson Chapter, No. 6, and Iuka Chapter, No. 135, with Corinth Chapter, No. 76. Three Chapters moved their locations, and Wayne Chapter, No. 24, will meet at Waynesboro, Keystone Chapter, No. 130, at Ellisville, and Huntsville Chapter, No. 91, at Weir. The charter of Oktibbeha Chapter, No. 148, was lifted, along with the paraphernalia and other effects of the Chapter, and deposited with the Grand Secretary. This was done for the non-payment of dues to Grand Chapter.

He reported that Grand Chapter and Grand Council had decided to change the time and place of the meetings of these Grand Bodies so as to meet in the same week

and at the same place with the Grand Commandery. The order will be for Grand Chapter to meet on Tuesday, the Grand Council to meet on Wednesday, and the Grand Commandery to meet on Thursday. All these Grand Bodies voted to establish a central office, where detail and work of interest to the Bodies could be carried on in a more systematic manner. Companion WILLIAM H. CARTER, Grand Lecturer of the Chapter and Council work, was selected to have supervision of the work in all three Bodies. This looks like a mighty good proposition, and the York Rite is certainly working in close harmony, indeed, as it should be.

The Grand High Priest closes his report with this:

"To those Chapters who are dormant and not making any effort to interest their members in the beautiful work of the Chapter degrees and who cannot be induced to get to work, we will say, surrender your Charter and permit those of your members who are interested, to join some other live Chapter who is working regularly and who will be glad to give them the degrees.

It is interesting to note that the membership of the York Rite Bodies is as follows:

35,700 Master Masons.

7,612 Chapter Masons.

4,110 Council Members.

4,123 Commandery Masons.

Companion WILLIAM H. CARTER, Grand Lecturer, reported that there is a greater degree of proficiency in rendering the ritual among the Chapters than ever before, and more Chapters can do acceptable work, and more Companions are interested in the Ritual.

Grand Chapter missed the presence of the Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, who was ill at his home. Companion ROGER G. FULLER proved to be a very skillful Acting Grand Secretary.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was written by Companion HENRY C. YAWN. It is his first report, but the superior skill and style, along with its ease, betokens a master at work. He said that he found much to edify and enjoy in the various Grand Chapter Proceedings and that if his Companions would do him the courtesy and themselves the justice of reading the good things he brought to them, they would be benefited and have greater respect for Capitular Masonry. Pennsylvania is delightfully reviewed and received over a page of comment.

Membership, 7,618, a loss of 65.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. WHITAKER, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MISSOURI.

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was held on Tuesday, April 26, 1927, in the City of Marshall.

Preliminary to the official opening, a musical program was given by the students of the Missouri Valley College. Grand Chapter was opened with the following present: Eighteen Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives from eighty-nine out of the one hundred and twelve Chapters. There were present fifty-three Grand Representatives and two Distinguished Visitors.

A very pleasing photograph from an engraved plate smiles back to you as you open the Proceedings, and

M. E. Companion EDWARD WILMOT TAYLER, Grand High Priest, becomes your friend. His annual report has so much in it that is good that it is difficult to limit quotations. Here is something that applies throughout the Craft:

"While this year's work has not shown the growth in our Chapters that has prevailed in preceding years, the Craft is in healthy condition. There are only fifteen Chapters that did no work.

The unusual number of suspensions for non-payment of dues is the result of Chapters throughout the State cutting out dead timber. Many of the Companions could have been kept in their Chapters if proper effort had been made to collect dues within two or three years.

We have many secretaries who are earnest and conscientious workers, but there are too many that seem to think they have performed their full duty when they have written a receipt for the Companion who calls to pay his dues. The carelessness of the secretaries and the indifference on the part of the High Priests of the Chapters showing large suspension lists, is in many cases, the direct cause of the loss of hundreds of members each year.

I would like to see a united campaign throughout the entire State to secure petitions for reinstatement, in conjunction with those for degrees."

He reports that the Chapters are doing better work and gives the credit to the untiring efforts of the Grand Lecturer. There are Chapters that had not conferred a degree for two or more years, that are now active and are taking a real interest in the work.

He spoke of the fifty-nine commissioned Representatives near other Grand Chapters. He spoke of the ideal as to the work of the Representatives in telling of Companion ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH, their Representative near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. This Companion had written a complete statement of Pennsylvania's doings and had sent it to him. The letter is quoted in the Proceedings. Also, he states his appreciation of our Grand Secretary, JOSEPH E. QUINBY, who gave com-

plete detail of the changes made in Pennsylvania Masonic regulations.

The peace and harmony of his Jurisdiction is noted in that it was unnecessary for him to render any decisions. He likes the idea for district group gatherings for instruction in the work of the Ritual. We, in Pennsylvania, know of no better plan that brings such good results and inspiration to the Chapters.

There follow pages with the story of visitations. Dispensations were granted for the usual purposes and a long list of courtesies were extended to other Jurisdictions. His report is splendid.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by Companion FRANK A. MARSHALL, who was appointed during the year to take the place of Companion DAVID M. WILSON, whose untimely death cast a shadow over Capitular Masonry throughout the State. M. E. Companion DAVID M. WILSON, P. G. H. P., and Fraternal Correspondent, was one of the most useful servants of the Craft that Missouri Freemasonry has known in the past quarter of a century. His high personal character, legal ability, and ample knowledge of Masonic law and ritual made him a commanding figure in and out of Missouri.

Correspondent MARSHALL has given a very wise and discriminating survey of the many Jurisdictions that passed under his view. He said in the foreword of his report that he conceived it to be the fundamental duty of a correspondent to correspond, rather than criticize or obtrude his own views, to say a kindly word rather than condemn, and to respect the indisputable right of every Grand Chapter to decide for itself such problems as present themselves. Pennsylvania has been given nearly three pages of careful notice and comments.

Membership, 35,600, a loss of 176.

M. E. Companion JAMES A. KINDER, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion RAY V. DENSLOW, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

MONTANA.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Montana was held in the hall of Livingstone Chapter, No. 7, Masonic Temple, at Livingstone, on July 13, 1926. The fourteen Grand Officers were present and at their stations and places.

A splendid portrait of M. E. Companion HARLON L. HART, Grand High Priest, looks right at you as you open the pages of the Proceedings. This gives a feeling that we have entered Grand Chapter and have seen him in the East; so, now we shall enjoy the happenings of the day.

The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is very good, and it gives in detail the work of a very busy year. It is full of the individual records of subordinate Chapters and instructive with its teachings in Masonic ideals. He calls to our best with these words:

"The one great question that comes to me, in view of the past year's labors and experience is, have we performed the duties and lived the lives, as Masons, we are charged with, as to God, our neighbors and ourselves. The whole world seems to be in turmoil and our own beloved country is not exempt.

While our Nation does not look to Masons as a body to save it from depredations of the evil spirit that is abroad, it does look to those individuals in whom the precepts and lessons of Masonry have been inculcated."

Under Decisions he writes that there has not appeared a single cloud of discord or discontent to mar the perfect

peace and harmony that prevails throughout the Jurisdiction and that he has not been called upon to render any important decision.

He was faithful in his visitations and states that while there are many pleasant things connected with the office of Grand High Priest, yet the one thing above all else that repays all trials is the brotherly love that is displayed in the honest handclasp of the Companions as they are visited in their home Chapters. He has sincere sympathy for the Grand High Priest who cannot visit the subordinate Chapters. He visited twenty-four out of the total of thirty-six.

In his discussion of the state of the Craft he holds that when an officer shows no inclination to commit his part or take interest in the diffusing of the precepts and lessons of Capitular Masonry, he should be dropped from the official line and not moved forward.

Here, too, is realized that the large loss that comes through suspension for non-payment of dues could be corrected largely by more care and attention by the officers, and especially by the Secretary. He suggests that some Chapters increase the compensation of their secretaries so as to obtain more time and attention to the detail work. He likes the percentage plan.

The Grand High Priest spells his name HART, but the closing thought of his address makes one spell it Heart when his brotherliness is felt in the reply as to what office he would take at the close of his official year, when he said that he would respond to any part, even the most servile, to promote this great and glorious work.

By way of entertainment, the Hon. LEW L. CALLAWAY, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Montana, gave an address on "Vigilante Days and Ways." The good judge certainly gave a thrilling account of the days of the long

ago, when Montana was a land and law unto itself. No old-time paper back could pack the thrills that crowded that address. He said that the famous warning of 3-7-77 meant that a man had three hours, seven minutes and seventy-seven seconds to go—but none ever took the full time.

M. E. Companion H. S. HEPNER, P. G. H. P., gave his seventh annual report for the Committee on Correspondence. It is very good. The fifty Grand Jurisdictions that passed under his review received careful attention. He gives nearly two pages to Pennsylvania, and he likes the words and work of the chairman of our Committee, M. E. Companion JOHN M. CORE. In this he agrees with us all. He is happy to record the presence in Grand Chapter of the Representative, Companion WALTON K. SWETLAND. It will be of added interest to know that in the Grand Representative they have the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Membership, 4,843, a loss of 13.

M. E. Companion CHARLES SIDNEY BELL, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion LUTHER T. HAUBERG, Grand Secretary.
E. W. R.

NEBRASKA.

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held in the Masonic Temple, Omaha, Wednesday, December 8, 1926.

Among the many pleasing features of the Convocation was a special address of greeting to the Past Grand High Priests. The Grand Representatives were called for special welcome by the Grand High Priest, and in Nebraska these Companions are expected to give considerable time

and attention in correspondence to the Jurisdictions they represent. Later in the session this resolution was passed:

"Resolved, that all Representatives who have been absent from more than the past two Annual Convocations shall be relieved from office, and that the vacancies thereby created be filled by the Grand High Priest; and that if any Grand Representative shall in the future absent himself from two consecutive Convocations, without reasonable excuse, his office shall be declared vacant."

M. E. Companion HARRY D. CONE, Grand High Priest, presented and read his Annual Report. He gave himself, without measure, to the tasks of the Capitular year, and his report is full of interesting reading. He found happiness in the work, for he said that if anyone had told him a year ago that he was about to enter upon a period of his life that would be filled with double the pleasure and more esteemed companionship than he had previously enjoyed in his experience in the Chapter in past years, he would have thought them mistaken. He said, "My pleasures and associations have been therefore more, far more, than I had anticipated."

He and Grand Chapter were happy that for two years it has been their good fortune that there have been no breaks in the ranks of the official family or in the list of Past Grand High Priests. There is a long list of visitations that carried him all over the State. At Miriam Chapter, in Oxford, he was met at the station by a brass band of twelve pieces and he was made to feel like royalty.

His dispensations were not many and they were all for good reasons. It was a year of peace and harmony. No questions came to his office that could call for a decision, all were covered by reference to the law.

Under the title of Condition of the Rite, we will take his own words:

"Conditions are not all we could wish for in the Capitular Rite in this Grand Jurisdiction. However, we are moving forward slowly, and I believe we can feel that we have passed the peak of the so-called slump in Masonic Membership. Our gain this year is 61. There have been 209 less exaltations this year than last year. On the other hand, there were 126 less suspensions for dues this year than last, so that taking all things together, the average has been good."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by M. E. Companion GEORGE N. R. BROWNE, P. G. H. P., and it marks the renewal of this feature in the Nebraska Proceedings. The Masonic enthusiasm of this Good Companion has made the report possible, and not only his own State, but also the entire Capitular fellowship, is enriched by the wisdom and charm of the splendid review. Pennsylvania is not of the fortunate number that received attention, and we know that year by year will give added value to the year's book. We congratulate Companion BROWNE on one of the very best reviews that appear this year.

Membership, 8,383, a gain of 61.

M. E. Companion A. SHERMAN PINTO, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion LEWIS E. SMITH, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEVADA.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada convened in the Masonic Temple in the City of Reno on Tuesday, June 7, 1927.

There were present sixteen Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Officers, and the Representatives of nine Chapters. Twenty-seven Grand Representatives answered to their

names, and, as usual, the faithful Representative of Pennsylvania, Companion DAVID E. W. WILLIAMSON, was present.

M. E. Companion ADAMS F. BROWN, Grand High Priest, read his Annual Report. His business-like address makes fine reading and it covers in detail the activities of a very busy year.

He made the appointment of Companion FRANCIS L. BORIE as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nevada near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. This is another good appointment.

The death, during the year, of M. E. Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary, was a severe loss. Companion VANDERLIETH was one of the most highly regarded Masons in Nevada. He was a great Mason, in the knowledge of its law, in the interpretation of its lessons, and in the simplicity and sincerity of a life that lived true to all its Masonic understanding.

M. E. Companion FRANK D. KING, of Reno, was appointed Grand Secretary for the unexpired term.

The old charter number of Keystone Chapter, No. 6, was restored with authority to assemble and work at Las Vegas instead of Pioche. An order was issued removing St. John's Chapter from Eureka to Fallon.

As to the Ritual, the Grand High Priest reported that Nevada had a while back adopted the California Ritual and for a number of times had refused to adopt the new Ritual of the General Grand Chapter. Most of the Chapters are doing good work under the California way, and as it is the old offering of the General Chapter, he is quite content to let well enough alone.

Many fine things are said about the condition of the Rite in his State, and here are some of the best:

"May we ever exemplify in our lives the moral teachings of our ritual and never forget that the motto of the Order is 'Holiness to the Lord.' Let us give the full measure of our love and devotion. Let us do good unto all men, but especially to those of the household of Faith. With the noble object and real design of our institution before us, may it ever be our glory to practice the duties it prescribes.

Moral architects as we are, let us build for eternity, even the beauteous Temple of holiness and innocence, whose pillars are faith, hope, and charity, and whose foundations are in every true and faithful heart. Thus may the building rise in beauty and grandeur and be fitted at last for a place in the Paradise of God."

R. E. Companion FRANK D. KING, Grand Secretary, very suddenly was given the task of Reviewer of the Proceedings of the several Grand Jurisdictions. He said that he had to hurry, and then to clip, cut, carve, and, in fact, borrow, steal and connive in order to get out the report in time. He gives a splendid view of the Capitular world, and to Pennsylvania he gives nearly a half page of courteous comment, for which we thank him.

Membership, 659, a gain of 4.

M. E. Companion EDWARD A. DUCKER, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion FRANK D. KING, Grand Secretary.
E. W. R.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons Hall, in the City of Concord, on Tuesday, May 17, 1927.

Eighteen Grand Officers were present as were also eight Past Grand Officers. A long list were present of the Grand Representatives, but Pennsylvania's Representative was absent again. Twenty-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in *Due Form*, with prayer by Rev. and Companion OTTO E. DUERR, whereupon the M. E. Companion Grand High Priest declared the Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form*.

There is always a splendid list of distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions and this year the list seems longer than ever. M. E. Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Grand King, and Companion FRANK R. LEACH, Junior Master of Ceremonies, represented the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

M. E. Companion HENRY LINCOLN SANDERSON, Grand High Priest, presented his Annual Report. A portrait of the Grand High Priest adorns the opening page of the Proceedings, and the reader was prepared for the very business-like and thorough review that followed.

That the affairs of the Grand Jurisdiction were in good hands is attested by the facts that the duties of the Grand Officers were administered without any perceptible friction and that harmony and peace prevailed within the entire Jurisdiction.

The deaths of noted Companions were detailed, and then followed a long record of official visitations. In New Hampshire the visitations are made by the four principal officers and the Chapters are assigned in groups for this purpose. The Grand High Priest, in company with M. E. Companions LITTLEFIELD and CHASE, visited the December Communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Our good Companions certainly were delighted with their visit to Philadelphia, as all the detail of their entertainment is recorded.

The Grand Chapter had record of the changes made in the requirements for degrees in Pennsylvania, and in very courteous manner actions were ordered that would

remove any possible misunderstanding upon the coming of Pennsylvania visitors to New Hampshire.

The Grand Secretary's office has been furnished with new furniture and is now in keeping with the offices of the other Grand Bodies of the Jurisdiction.

M. E. Companion CHARLES B. SPOFFORD presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. This is the eighth that has come from the pen of this master in the field of correspondence. Read the reviews of Companion SPOFFORD and then you have a survey of the entire Capitular world that is a library of information. Last year Pennsylvania was not fortunate enough to be in the list of Proceedings that received his attention. This year it is more than made up in two and a half pages of comment. He presents in full the Constitutional amendments of December, 1926, and permits them to speak for themselves. His attention to Pennsylvania is appreciated.

Membership, 5,875, a loss of 20.

M. E. Companion JAMES LITTLEFIELD, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion HARRY MORRISON CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

E. W. R.

NEW JERSEY.

The Seventy-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey was convened at Trenton on Wednesday, May 11, 1927, and was opened in *Ample Form*.

There were present eighteen Grand Officers, twelve District Deputy Grand High Priests, eighteen Past Grand Officers, and Representatives of fifty-two of the fifty-eight

of the Chapters. Among the Grand Representatives present is noted the name of M. E. Companion ALBERT LEON. Let it be added that Companion LEON is faithful in that he attends his own Grand Chapter and also attends the sessions of the Grand Chapter he represents. Information for his reports is received at first hand.

Distinguished visitors like to go to the New Jersey sessions, and the year book records an ever-growing list of visitors from other Jurisdictions. The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was represented by M. E. Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, Grand King; M. E. Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Grand Treasurer, and M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P.

M. E. Companion MARION H. HALL, Grand High Priest, presented and read his Annual Report. There are so many good things in this fine review that it is almost impossible to give all the high spots without printing the entire report. His opening words are the keynote of the prosperity of the Jurisdiction when he says:

"I am pleased to report that the Craft of New Jersey have held up the standards of education, of friendship, of charity, and all that is best in promoting good citizenship, and have enjoyed in a marked degree the blessings so bountifully bestowed upon our great State by a kind and merciful Heavenly Father."

His wish is that the good of the year may be the promise of even better in the new year. A new Chapter was constituted at Woodbury and will be known as Woodbury Chapter, No. 61. He was very busy in the work of visitations, and reported personal visits to all of the fifty-eight Chapters. And New Jersey Chapters are good to the Grand High Priest. Harmony Chapter, his home Chapter, presented him with a very handsome watch, Trinity Chapter gave him a traveling bag, Joppa Chapter added a silver set to the list, and Franklin Chapter made a gift of a set of fountain pens. With all this going

around, he found time to visit neighboring Grand Jurisdictions, and Pennsylvania was honored with his presence at the December Quarterly Communication.

He appreciated the services of all his Grand Officers and mentioned especially the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary. He said that without a corps of efficient District Deputies a proper dissemination of the Ritual would be well nigh impossible. He was called upon for only a few decisions, and they were given in a clear and masterly way. One may interest our Companions. A Companion who holds a life membership desired to become a member of a New Jersey Chapter without giving up the fact and advantages of his life membership in another Jurisdiction. Of course, the Grand High Priest ruled against dual membership. The coincident that calls for this notice is that the life membership of this thrifty Companion is held in a Chapter in Glasgow, Scotland.

Under Grand Representatives Commissioned is the name of Companion ANDREW J. SCHRODER as near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. This is a most happy selection. A special honor was recommended and then voted by the Grand Chapter that the title of Right Excellent Companion be conferred upon the Grand Representatives.

Here is a good suggestion:

"Permit me to suggest that new members should be shown particular attention. Their coming into the Chapter should be the occasion for personal introduction to all the other Companions. They should be made to feel that from that time on they are in fact, as well as in name, Brothers and Companions of those into whose company they have come. As new members of the family circle they should receive special care until they have acquired the habit of regular attendance and have become keenly interested in the Chapter and its Masonic work."

There is the usual list of waivers of jurisdiction and the exchange of interstate courtesies. The large number

of suspensions for non-payment of dues indicates that the Chapters are undergoing a process of elimination which will be of ultimate benefit to the Craft.

And then came the long list of addresses from the distinguished visitors. Most Worshipful Grand Master HOWARD R. CRUSE has this in his speech: "Ideals are like stars. You will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the mariner upon the vast expanse of water, you will choose them as your guide and following them reach your destiny." Grand First Principal of the Province of Quebec, M. E. Companion ALEXANDER B. J. MOORE, added, "When we come on these visitations I do not like to be called 'Foreign Jurisdiction'; I like to hear the term 'Sister Jurisdiction,' because when I think of it, and think of the teachings that you have here in this Great Republic of yours, and then when you seem to see this so-called imaginary line, behold, that line is never on the map of Masonry." Among the best were the words of our own Grand King, M. E. Companion AUGUST P. KUNZIG, who said, "There can be no success based on anything but truth. It gives the courage which enables brave men to achieve place and position in the hearts of their fellow men. They are those who set objectives and head into the port of somewhere. With them it is the set of the sail and not the gale which determines which way they go. Properly used, our great Institution stimulates and encourages the worthy man and incites ambition, preventing a wasted life, an old age of sorrow and regrets."

The report on Foreign Correspondence comes to us sifted through the keen sight and thought of Companion A. BOYLAN FITZGERALD, and like all the others from his pen, it is instructive in every line. He looked into the work of over sixty Grand Chapters and noted that the war-time rush was over and that the Chapters had re-

turned to normalcy. Many of the Grand Chapters reported slight gains, and more than is pleasing reported losses. As he discovered different views of the same things and as he looked at the degrees from as many different angles, he said that it is apt to dispel any thought that our method is the only one. He concludes with this:

"Even though the Tabernacle was completed, yet the living temple of the individual being is still to be finished and that we are each to continue to bring up good work, true work, and square work that it may be fastened together by the Keystone into one beautiful ensemble of which no one need be ashamed."

Five pages are given very generously to the review of Pennsylvania, and he caught the slightest detail of all our activities. It is a delight to read his comments.

Membership, 20,233, a gain of 302.

M. E. Companion CHARLES D. McCracken, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion ABRAM A. REGER, Grand Secretary.
E. W. R.

NEW MEXICO.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico met in their Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation at Las Cruces, New Mexico, February 24, 1927.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at nine o'clock A. M., with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, after which Most Excellent Companion DAN N. CUSHING, Grand High Priest, and THOMAS M. BURTLEY, Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and Past Grand High Priest SAM J. HELM were introduced and invited to the East.

Fifteen of the eighteen chartered Chapters were represented.

In a perusal of the address of the Grand High Priest we note a personal accident that placed a limit upon the activities he had planned for his year. He, however, must have been doing a considerable amount of labor to have been able to make some constructive suggestions for the betterment of Grand Chapter. His suggestion for the establishment of an Order of High Priesthood in New Mexico appeals to us as a progressive move.

His recommendation that a REAL Committee on Foreign Correspondence be appointed is sound and proper.

His interest in the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association and his advice to divert a part of the funds of Grand Chapter into the assistance of this great work proves that he is a Royal Arch Mason of the right type and has a sincere concern for the welfare and betterment of his less fortunate brethren.

Five pages of his address are required to record the ravages of the Grim Reaper.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a net gain in membership of 33 for the year.

SAMUEL E. WOOD, Grand High Priest.

ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

It is a pleasure to again review the activities of this Grand Chapter that is spreading the light of Capitular Masonry in that part of this big world. We admire the Capitular enthusiasm and zeal of three Chapters of twenty members each that have been granted charters. There can be no drones in that hive. Each man must have something assigned to him to do and must do it, otherwise it would be impossible to live.

It is interesting to read of the accuracy with which degrees are conferred and the dignity that characterizes their meetings. We do not exactly understand how or why it is that officers are installed any time during the year. Subordinate Chapters seem to begin and end their year at their own pleasure. We note that installation ceremonies are held every month in the year. Seems to us of Pennsylvania that a more uniform practice of all Chapters beginning and ending their Masonic year at the same time would work to the advantage of Grand Chapter. Four Quarterly Communications of Grand Chapter were held during the year in the City of Sydney.

Sixty-eight (68) Chapters are listed, with a total membership of 3,596. We note two Chapters constituted on the same day in the same year at Sydney, both meeting at the same place, but on alternate months during the year. We wonder why is this?

The entire record shows that Capitular Masonry in New South Wales is a real live active factor in the life of that Province.

M. E. Companion N. W. MONTAGU, Grand First Principal Z.

R. E. Companion D. R. HUTCHISON, Grand Scribe E.
H. J. B.

NEW YORK.

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York convened in Masonic Temple, Albany, N. Y., Tuesday, February 1, 1927, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Two hundred and twenty-three of the 227 subordinate Chapters were represented, with a total attendance of 609.

An imposing group of distinguished visitors was introduced, prominent among whom was Most Excellent HENRY DEWITT HAMILTON, Acting General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, accompanied by Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, and the M. E. Grand High Priest and the M. E. Grand King of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

One of the interesting features of the Convocation was the installation of M. E. Companion HENRY DEWITT HAMILTON as General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter by General Grand Secretary CHARLES A. CONOVER.

Following this ceremony, the Grand High Priest submitted his annual address. Seventeen pages are devoted to Necrology, which is a grim reminder of the fleetingness of human life. Two new Chapters were constituted during the year. Schools of instruction have been proving of inestimable help in bringing the Ritual to perfection in the Jurisdiction. Again we are confronted with his notice of a "revised Royal Arch degree" that had been conferred by 115 Chapters, but eighty-four Chapters had not, and eight Chapters had nothing to say. We pause to ask ourselves how many varieties of Royal Arch Masons do they make in New York? In our reviewing of Proceedings of other Grand Chapters we are perplexed many times to read of troubles they have with the Ritual of the Royal Arch. Each one seems to have some special one of their own which they think is the last word in ritualistic production. It required nearly four pages of the printed Proceedings to record what the Grand High Priest called his "ordinary activities." Under this heading he reports forty-seven visitations in eleven months. These, in addition to his other labors, must have consumed not only the daylight hours, but most of his night

hours during the year. Truly the office of Grand High Priest of the Empire State must be a laborious job, and yet one of extreme pleasure and great dignity.

Under "Ceremony of exaltation," he asks these searching questions after discussing certain practices in conferring the Royal Arch Degree, viz.:

"What part or parts of the ceremony constitute the exaltation? Is it the obligation or the communication of the secrets, or both, or any other part of the ceremony that is necessary?"

In our humble opinion the entire fabric of the Ritual of the degree is necessary. No part of it can be dissevered without doing damage to the entire ceremony. Here is a paragraph from the address that has in it the right ring: "Personally I have believed for some time that the thing lacking in our organization is a practical philanthropic work or goal. True, we do give to the Brethren 'More Light' and eventually communicate to them the ineffable Masonic secret, trusting that the lessons promulgated will tend to make good Masons better Masons. This is a great work in itself, but purely individual and ethical in nature, affording no means of concerted outward expression, such as those who best assimilate and apply these teachings desire to manifest, in a practical way, for the benefit of the less fortunate of our members, in sickness and distress."

We have always believed that Masonry is not merely a philosophy of life to be taught, but a life to be lived, and any one who wraps the mantle of Masonic excellence about himself and does not reach out and down to help those in need has neither caught the spirit nor the purpose of Masonry.

The entire address was full of sound advice and practical recommendations, such as we would expect from the Grand High Priest of the great Empire State.

Pennsylvania receives three full pages in the report on Foreign Correspondence and is written in its usual felicitous way.

M. E. CHARLES HAMMEL, Grand High Priest.

M. E. CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina convened in their Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation at City of High Point, North Carolina, Tuesday, May 10, 1927, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, with all the Grand Officers in the stations. A number of distinguished visitors from other Jurisdictions were introduced, welcomed, and invited to the East.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest was then presented. It is a lengthy report, covering twenty pages of the printed Proceedings, and is a record of his activities during the year. After speaking of the fraternal dead, he analyzes the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in North Carolina during his year. He finds it less active than in some former years, but on the whole satisfactory. A net gain of twenty-one members during the year is noted. While this looks like a small number in a Grand Jurisdiction of over 8,000 Royal Arch Masons, yet if they are of the right type they will be a more valuable asset than many times that number who would be members in name only. Better have small percentages of increase and good material than large percentage and defective material. The cause appears to be the economic condition existing throughout the Jurisdiction. This, it seems to the reviewer, is only one of the factors in the case.

We have discussed our thought upon the fundamental causes of apathy in our reviews of other Jurisdictions. Our conviction is that the Chapter Officers themselves are more at fault and are a more decisive cause than any other single factor. Further along he says: "I believe that every Royal Arch Chapter in North Carolina can be made active with proper support and encouragement." Right—we agree with you—and if they can be made active by this means, then economic conditions are only a secondary consideration.

His suggestions of the formation of a Secretaries' Association to meet at same time that Grand Chapter convenes looks good. It would bring more Companions to Grand Chapter meetings and would undoubtedly be beneficial to every Secretary.

The Degree of Past Master in Pennsylvania occasioned considerable notice in his address. There is a great deal of uncertainty existing in other Jurisdictions over our action in this matter. Just what status has a Pennsylvania Royal Arch Mason in other Jurisdictions? Frankly, we confess to ignorance ourselves. The muddled condition in which we find ourselves in this whole difficulty will, no doubt, be adjusted to the entire satisfaction of every one before long. Grand High Priest McEUCHREN did a wise thing to await official action until he had been properly advised of Pennsylvania attitude in reference to the Degree. The Degree itself in Pennsylvania has never been a part of Chapter ritual, but has always been under authority of Grand Lodge since as early as 1752, and perhaps even prior to that time.

And now we desire to express an admiration for the work of the Committee on Correspondence for the wonderful manner in which the work has been done. The careful, detailed and voluminous way in which the proceedings of other Jurisdictions are reviewed was a delight

to read. We wondered at the time, labor, thought and sacrifice necessary to produce a volume such as came to our desk from North Carolina. We have read it—some of it repeatedly—and have laid it up for future reference. The scholarly manner in which it was written stamps Companion ALLEN as one of the most versatile Masonic students and writers we have read often.

CHARLES A. JENKINS, Grand High Priest.

JOHN B. GRIGGS, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota was held Tuesday, January 25, 1927.

We are assuming that this Convocation was held in Fargo, N. D., but there is no record in the printed proceedings to indicate that such was the truth. Perhaps it was because of the unusual features attending the opening ceremonies that the Secretary neglected to make it a part of the record, assuming that “foreigners” would know that only in Fargo could it be held. If the Companions of North Dakota will visit Grand Chapter in Pennsylvania they will have the pleasure of seeing Grand Chapter opened every meeting just as was seen in North Dakota at this Convocation.

Grand Chapter was opened in full form at 10 o'clock A. M.

After the reception and greetings of the distinguished visitors, the Grand High Priest presented his address.

North Dakota surely had a real Grand High Priest in M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. SHAW. One of the District Deputies, in his report, said "that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota is to be congratulated on having at its head the past year, a craftsman so favorably situated, so conscientious, so capable and so boundlessly enthusiastic and energetic as BILL SHAW." A very splendid compliment and one well deserved when we read the record of his activities during the year.

Four Grand Chapters were visited. Forty visitations in one year is surely a record for any man. Of these, thirty were within his own Jurisdiction. This is certainly a record of Masonic activity by a Grand Officer that stands unexcelled.

Seven dispensations were issued during the year, chiefly for change of date of meetings due to conflicting dates with other bodies.

After the reading of the address, Grand Chapter "was declared at ease at 1.30 P. M." "At ease" attracted us especially; which means, we assume, that Grand Chapter ceased to labor.

The contribution by E. Companion ALEXANDER G. BURR, on "The Good of Order" is the clearest and best piece of advice upon our duties as citizens and Masons that we have read in a long time.

Grand Secretary reported a membership of 4,078, a loss of 46 for the year.

M. E. Companion FORREST F. VAUGHAN, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia record a Special Convocation in New Masonic Hall, in the Town of Middleton, N. S., on Tuesday, January 18, 1927, at 3.45 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of dedicating a new Chapter Hall.

The Forty-eighth Annual Convocation was held in Masonic Hall, City of St. John's, Newfoundland, on Friday, July 8, 1927, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M.

After the preliminary duties of the Committee on Credentials had been performed, and distinguished visitors introduced and welcomed, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion REGINALD V. HARRIS, presented his annual address.

He called attention to the fact that the meeting was being held in the most easterly city on the North American continent. He then went into some historical data and facts that were of the most intense interest. The further we read the more we were fascinated, both by the style and diction of the writer to the extent that the historical section of the address was read many times for the purpose of fixing in our own minds the good things he had to say.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia is to be congratulated in having as its titular head so scholarly and cultured a gentleman and so enthusiastic a Royal Arch Mason.

In the report of his visitations to the several Chapters constituting the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia, he speaks of the subject of addresses he delivered before the Companions. Among them are "The Lost Word," "Hidden Symbolism of Freemasonry," "Three Times Three," and others. The influence for good and uplift

and renewed loyalty to Royal Arch Masonry that he must have left behind him from such effort must long be felt by those who heard him. Why not have them published for the benefit of less informed brethren? We are sure they are gems of literary accomplishment and mines of Masonic information. Under "Condition of the Order," he notices a loss of 13 in membership for the year, but finds it the reflex of lack of activity shown in Craft Lodges.

His recommendation for compulsory examination in proficiency in preceding degrees before advancing to a higher grade meets with our hearty approval. It is one of the ways by which the beauties of the Capitular Ritual can be made a vital thing in the lives of those who will accept the discipline. It is done in the Symbolic Degrees. Why not in the Capitular?

His response to requests for copies of by-laws from subordinate Chapters and the results of his investigations shows about the same negligence in Nova Scotia as can be found in nearly every other Jurisdiction. We have observed the same complaint from other Jurisdictions in the course of our reviews and know that like conditions prevail in our own Jurisdiction in some instances. Is it any wonder that Royal Arch Masonry languishes in many places? All in all, this address has had more real "pep" in it than any we have reviewed.

The reports of Grand Superintendents show that they have been faithful servants of Grand Chapter and giving splendid service in their work.

The remainder of the volume contains the reports of various Committees to whom is intrusted the real work of Grand Chapter.

Grand Secretary shows a membership of 2,638, a loss of 13 over the preceding year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is well written, in which Pennsylvania is given courteous and fraternal consideration.

M. E. Companion REGINALD V. HARRIS, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion BRENTON F. PORTER, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

OHIO.

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio convened in Masonic Temple, Toledo, Ohio, October 6, 1926.

Two hundred and three Chapters were represented.

Mayor MERY, of the City of Toledo, and a Royal Arch Mason, in a pleasing and delightful way welcomed Grand Chapter and extended to all present the hospitality of the city. A number of Distinguished Visitors, among whom we note with pleasure was our own Grand High Priest, accompanied by Grand Secretary QUINBY, were introduced and welcomed.

After these formalities had been completed, Grand High Priest WARREN J. BAKER presented his annual address.

Grand Chapter proceedings in Ohio are much like those of other Grand Jurisdictions, and yet in Ohio, which enjoys the distinction of the second largest Grand Chapter in the United States, many problems arise to which smaller Grand Chapters are strangers. There remain a few problems, however, that are common or seem to be common to all Grand Chapters. Among them we note the lack of interest in Capitular affairs which manifests itself in the very few who attend the regular meetings of

their Chapters. Many causes by keen observers and deep thinkers have been assigned in explanation of this state of affairs. The lack of a unanimous opinion is evidence that the fundamental factor has not yet been sounded. We hold to our own belief, but modesty forbids utterance where wiser minds have failed.

Change of Calendar year is suggested by the Grand High Priest. We have often pondered over the reasons for the lack of uniformity in Grand Chapters in the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in the time for their Annual Communications. The spirit of St. John surely cannot hover over other Grand Chapters as it does over Pennsylvania, from the date of whose feast we fix our Masonic year.

The old question of suspensions for non-payment of dues merits considerable notice from the Grand High Priest, who seems inclined to place the burden upon the Secretary. Evidently the procedure is different in Ohio than it is in some other Jurisdictions. However, we are of opinion that the peak of the difficulty has been reached and that in the future we will all be less burdened with this problem in the same proportions as we have during past few years.

Deferred payments on petitions sounds strange to a Pennsylvania Royal Arch Mason. Payment of a portion of the entire fee as the degrees are conferred does not seem to be good Masonic legislation.

A number of fraternal courtesies were exchanged with other Grand Jurisdictions. A dispensation for a new Chapter was refused for the apparently good reason that the necessity did not exist and that to grant it would in all probability only add one more to a list of weak Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary reports 209 active Chapters, with a combined membership of 80,170, and a net gain during the year of 1,345.

The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve the recommendation for change of date of Calendar year, neither did they approve recommendations of the amount of salary subordinate Chapters should pay their Secretaries, but maintained that that was a question entirely within the prerogative of each subordinate Chapter. They also disapproved the recommendation providing for deferred payments for degrees.

All of the decisions rendered by the Grand High Priest were approved.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is generous with Pennsylvania, for which we desire to express our appreciation.

IRVING STAFFORD, M. E. Grand High Priest.

EDWIN HAGENBUCH, R. E. Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

OKLAHOMA.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma convened in Holdenville, Oklahoma, April 20, 1927.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at 9 A. M., with all of the Grand Officers occupying their respective stations.

After an invocation and the singing of "America" by the Companions, the following Distinguished Visitors were introduced: Companion D. N. CUSHING, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas; Companion RUPERT J. DAUGHERTY, Grand Master of the Grand

Council of Oklahoma Royal and Select Masters, and CHAS. W. FEDROWE, Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Companion CUSHING, in a few well-chosen words, responded to the welcome extended to the distinguished group, after which he was made an honorary member of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.

Sixty-two of the seventy-nine Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest presented, in a brief and concise manner, a report of his activities during the year.

Suspensions for non-payment of dues in the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, like in many other Grand Chapters, continues to be an item of discussion. There seems to be a rather uniform opinion that this epidemic has spent its force, that the eliminating process of those who have been Royal Arch Masons in name only is about completed and that we shall all stand on a more substantial basis of worth-while membership than we have for the past decade.

Our attention was arrested by the large number of dispensations granted for "receiving and balloting upon petitions out of time" and "to elect and install officers out of time." We are at a loss to understand why eighteen such dispensations were necessary. We realize that physical conditions are much different in Oklahoma than they are in Pennsylvania, and assume that this in a measure must be the explanation.

We were interested in the notice of the work done by the Sojourners' Club of Fort Bayard, New Mexico, that operates in connection with U. S. Veterans Hospital No. 55, of the same place, in the relief extended to Oklahoma Masons. This is humanitarian work of the highest and finest type and met with the response the cause merited.

While the report of the Grand Treasurer showed disbursements in excess of receipts for the year, the financial health of the Grand Chapter was unimpaired.

Thirty-two Chapters reported a loss in membership for the year. Forty Chapters reported a gain, twelve Chapters did no work, and thirty-eight Chapters reported uncollected dues amounting to \$10,644. During the year there were 919 exaltations and 878 suspensions from membership, and a total gain for the year of 77 members.

We were somewhat surprised to read in the report of Special Committee on Ritual that there were approximately twenty-two different rituals in use in the United States. This can only mean that there are twenty-two different types of Royal Arch Masons made in Grand Chapters owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter. Again we ask the question, as we have in reviews of other Grand Chapter proceedings in former years, "What is the function of the General Grand Chapter?" Further along we read, "we now use the General Grand Chapter Ritual," as if to say there was a time when another form of ritual was followed in making Royal Arch Masons. These observations are not made in a spirit of criticism, but with a sincere desire for light on the subject. We cannot agree with the opinion that suspensions for non-payment of dues are due to neglect of duty by the Secretary. In a few instances this may be true, but since we have had a good many years' experience ourselves in the office of Secretary, we are of opinion that the fault lies with the individual member himself. It makes no difference how diligent or how accurate the Secretary may be, he cannot induce, much less force, men to pay an obligation they do not desire to pay, however just its merit may be.

We were pleased to note the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer that schools of instruction be authorized

throughout the Jurisdiction at proper places. This plan has proven of immense value in Pennsylvania, and we are persuaded the same benefit would be felt in Oklahoma. We read and re-read the address of Father MURROW. It must be a source of unfailing inspiration to sit in the presence and listen to a man of the experience of Father MURROW. He must be the most valuable asset that the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma possesses.

The work and activity of the Educational program is the most enlightening and commendable we have read in any proceedings we have reviewed. Oklahoma is to be most highly commended for this really constructive work.

ELISHA W. TOWNSEND, Grand High Priest.

J. A. SCOTT, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

OREGON.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon was held in Bend, Oregon, April 11, 1927.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at 10 o'clock A. M., with all of the Grand Officers present, and thirty-three of the fifty-three constituent Chapters represented.

After the introduction and reception of the Distinguished Visitors who were present, the Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE E. SWAFFORD, presented his annual address.

Three dispensations were issued for the election and installation of officers to Chapters who had failed in this duty before the required constitutional time. Three other dispensations were granted for cause.

Grand High Priest SWAFFORD must have been a busy man during the year to have officially visited twenty-two of his Chapters, at least he is an enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason to do that amount of traveling in Chapters as widely separated as they are in the State of Oregon.

Columbia Chapter was instituted during the year. He says that "from information at hand I believe that Capitular Masonry in Oregon is in a healthy condition and that all the constituent Chapters are reasonably prosperous."

Three hundred and twenty-five were exalted to the supreme degree of Royal Arch, but 229 were dropped for non-payment of dues. It is surprising to see how many members are going out of Capitular Masonry by this route alone. The great majority of them, we assume, were made inadvisedly a few years ago. "War brides," they are called by the Grand High Priest of our Jurisdiction. Royal Arch Masonry is well rid of them. They have never been an asset, but, on the contrary, always a liability. Further along Grand High Priest SWAFFORD says: "As an orchardist trims and prunes and removes all dead wood from his trees to keep them healthy and to control their proper growth, so we may assume that those Chapters which have resorted to the pruning knife are in a healthier condition for so doing."

The following observation attracted us: "Masonic material is not worn out by work, but rather increases in strength and usefulness, and that Chapter is happiest and most prosperous whose members are all employed as frequently as possible on some Masonic task." He speaks of a "Posting Committee" for the instruction of candidates whose purpose it is to "post" each candidate in certain requirements before receiving the next degree. In Pennsylvania we do this, but we call them Committee on Instruction, which we assume is the meaning intended to be conveyed. However, whatever we call it, the work

itself should be done by some one qualified. We were glad to read his recommendation for the dropping of the office of Deputy Grand High Priest from the line of Grand Officers. We have never been quite able to understand what function is performed by a Deputy Grand High Priest.

Statistical report of Grand Secretary shows total membership of 7,131.

In the reading of the address of the Grand Orator we were attracted by this sentiment:

"Our homes in many instances are deserted a great portion of the time . . . Father and mother founded a home and their offspring helped to develop and make it a hallowed place, a sort of shrine, to which the children and grandchildren wheresoever dispersed might return and receive a hearty welcome. It would seem that the paramount duty of our great Order is to help protect and preserve the homes and home life of our people. . . . We cannot delegate this duty to a hired teacher . . . We ourselves must take a leading part . . . for if we fail the Keystone that supports the great superstructure will soon crumble and chaos will follow."

Reports of various Committees to which were assigned detailed work of Grand Chapter completed the volume.

The Committee on Capitular Reviews gives Pennsylvania two pages of review.

FRANK S. BAILLIE, Grand High Priest.

D. RUFUS CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

QUEBEC.

The Fiftieth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec assembled in Masonic Temple, Montreal, on Wednesday, March 23, 1927, at 3 o'clock P. M.

A number of Distinguished Visitors were introduced, among whom we are pleased to note was the M. E. Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania and his associates, the R. E. Grand King and R. E. Grand Treasurer. M. E. Companion A. B. J. MOORE, Grand First Principal Z, in beginning his address made note of this as the "Golden Jubilee" meeting of the Grand Chapter and was most felicitous in his reference to the visiting Companions who had covered the great distance necessary in order to be present at that meeting.

Two new Chapters were constituted during the year that indicates the flourishing condition of the Royal Craft in Quebec. Annual church services seem to be a feature of Capitular activities in Quebec. This, we believe, is a commendable practice, and one that other Jurisdictions might follow with profit to the Craft and helpfulness in each individual who attends them. Five hundred men, in addition to "many present and Past Grand Officers" in one group upon such an occasion, would certainly increase and improve the cause of Royal Arch Masonry in any Grand Jurisdiction.

He reports a number of visitations to Chapters of his own Jurisdiction and a number of fraternal visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions, among which we are pleased to note and vividly recall his visitation to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

In conclusion, he says in speaking of the beauties of Royal Arch Masonry: "The crux of the situation is this: Are we living up to the glorious ideals which have been perpetuated? To my mind it is not gold braid plus a gift of oratory or even a retention of ritualistic work which tends to forward the true tenets of our Order, but rather a sincere democratic spirit of comradeship one to another." It seems to the reviewer that a clearer, more concise and practical statement of the real worth of

Masonry as a force among men could not be made. If Masonry fails in this one thing its value to us is lost. The fundamental thing that men need today is a more charitable attitude toward each other as we try to solve the problems that the complex activities of life force upon us. To teach us to see the viewpoint of the other fellow is one of the aims of Masonry. If we do, or when we can, then competition becomes that "emulation" of which Masonry speaks in such beautiful language.

Report of Grand Secretary shows twenty-two working Chapters, with a total membership of 3,556 and a net gain for the year of 135. It is rather interesting to note that after fifty years of history two of the Chapters number over 500 members each and three Chapters number well over 200 members each.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents and Grand Lecturer are unanimous in their opinion that the officers of the several Chapters are skillful in their rendition of the Ritual and that the members show a corresponding interest in Chapter affairs.

Pennsylvania receives generous notice in the report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Companion A. B. J. MOORE, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion W. W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Scribe E.

H. J. B.

RHODE ISLAND.

What historical associations cluster around the name Rhode Island and Providence Plantation. What a decisive factor in the affairs of the early colonies were the citizens of Rhode Island. What a contribution to Masonry they have made through the years. We have read somewhere of a stone having been found in Rhode Island

having engraved upon it Masonic emblems and the date 1660. Whether this be truth or tradition we do not know, but it compels the thought that Masonry was known in Rhode Island very early in the history of our Common Country. We have before us for review the proceedings of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island, which convened in Freemason's Hall, Providence, R. I., at 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, March 9, 1926.

Every Chapter in the Jurisdiction was represented—a feature we do not recall of noting in our reviews of other Grand Chapters, and deem it worthy of notice. Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Grand High Priest DONALD E. SPEARS, after which a number of Distinguished Visitors were introduced, welcomed and invited to the East. The list is a lengthy one and includes Grand High Priests from other Jurisdictions and their associates, Grand Masters of Free and Accepted Masons, Grand Masters of Royal and Select Masters, and M. E. Companion HENRY DEWITT HAMILTON, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

After an exchange of felicitations, Grand High Priest SPEARS presented his annual address. Under "Condition of the Order" he says: "To my mind Capitular Masonry is back to normalcy as far as Rhode Island is concerned," and "the quicker we realize that war brides are a thing of the past, the better off our organization will be." Further along he says that a "dignified rendition of Capitular Ritual will so profoundly impress the student of Masonry that he will have the interests of his Chapter at heart and will gladly do his share to advance its cause and interests." This is the crux of the Chapter situation in the opinion of the reviewer. If interest lags, if mem-

bers are indifferent, if the work is unattractive, it is because officers themselves are indolent and careless, and no organization can flourish under such leadership. We were not surprised, then, to read of the conditions prevailing in a few of the Chapters in which apathy on the part of the officers was found to exist.

He reports a number of official visitations to sister Jurisdictions and expresses the delight he had in them. He also reports, at some length, the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association and gives a lucid and detailed description of the monument in course of erection, with the cost and approximate time of completion. It was one of the most scholarly addresses it has been our good fortune to read.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 10,095, a net gain of 333 for the year, or 39 more than the preceding year.

We were pleased to note that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence promises a report in printed form in 1926.

FRED W. HILTON, M. E. Grand High Priest.

WILLIAM R. GREENE, R. E. Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

SASKATCHEWAN.

The proceedings of the Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan came to our desk in a neat and attractive volume of 110 pages, with a splendid portrait and short sketch of the life and Masonic activities of Grand Z, M. E. Companion EDWIN PINKERTON as an introduction. The Con-

vocation was held in the Masonic Temple, Regina, Wednesday, February 16, 1927. Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at 9.30 A. M., with all of the Grand Officers present, after which His Worship Companion JAMES McARA, Mayor of the City of Regina, was introduced, who extended the hospitality of the city to Grand Chapter. Other Distinguished Visitors included R. E. Companion FRANK E. SIMMONS, Grand H. of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba; M. W. Brother W. J. SMITH, Grand Master, and P. G. M., and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, F. and A. M., Brother W. B. TATE.

The address of Grand Z PINKERTON was a resumé of his official and social activities in the interest of Capitular Masonry during the year. In speaking of the condition of the Craft during the year, he wisely says that "it is much more important that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction and that officers and Companions show increased enthusiasm in the work" than to estimate success by the number of exaltations recorded during the year. These sentiments have been entertained and emphasized by the reviewer for a long time, for we are persuaded that Capitular Masonry suffers as much from apathy and indifference on the part of both officers as from any other single cause.

Eleven dispensations for cause were granted during the year. One that especially attracted our attention was that of a Chapter failing to hold its meeting for election of officers "on account of storm." We tried to visualize a Saskatchewan December storm, but our imagination completely failed us.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed receipts over expenditures of approximately \$400.00 and a net balance on hand of \$2,977.10.

The Grand Secretary reported 26 Chapters, with a membership of 2,568, an increase of 10 over the preceding year.

Reports of the Grand Superintendents show a healthy condition of the Craft throughout the entire Jurisdiction, with only a few exceptions, not serious, and which will be remedied by heeding the advice of Grand Z PINKERTON quoted in this review.

Pennsylvania received courteous notice in the report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Companion J. ORVILLE CLARK, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion F. B. REILLY, Grand Scribe E.

H. J. B.

SCOTLAND.

We have before us for review the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland for the year 1927.

The annual meeting of March 21, 1927, contains a record of the doings at the Installation of M. E. Companion The Earl CASSILLIS as Grand Z. This was followed by the usual banquet in celebration of the Festival of the Vernal Equinox. We have always been puzzled in trying to understand the connection between Capitular Masonry and the Vernal Equinox. In Scotland, however, it is a time of joy and festivity at which toasts are proposed to "The King," "The Royal Family," "The Imperial Forces of Great Britain" and "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland." The responses to these toasts are always made by men well qualified both by years and experience and are refreshing for the information they give and the spirit of fraternity and loyalty

that animates them. We read also of a "Harmony Meeting" at which "after considerable discussion it was agreed that in future at the Quarterly Convocations a caterer should be in charge of the Harmony Meetings, and provide tea, coffee and sandwiches, and that Companions desiring refreshments other than these would be supplied with same on payment. The clause that struck us was "refreshments other than these." What else could they want or expect? "Other than these" might mean something in Scotland, but not in the United States today.

The difficulties with the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, which they were endeavoring to smooth out, resulted in a disagreement and each Grand Body will work in its own way without fraternal relations with each other in the future. The merits of the controversy are not in our realm to discuss.

The work of the Grand Chapter seems to be in the hands of a Supreme Committee. The reports of Grand Superintendents from the four corners of the earth reveals not only the extent of the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, but that it is upholding the dignity of Royal Arch Masonry wherever its authority is recognized.

M. E. Companion The Earl CASSILLIS, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion GEORGE A. HOWELL, Grand Scribe E.

H. J. B.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter assembled at Rock Hill, S. C., April 20, 1927, at 10 o'clock A. M., with all of the Grand Officers in their stations.

Nine Past Grand High Priests were present and the representatives of thirty of the forty-two subordinate Chapters. A number of Distinguished Visitors were also present, among whom we especially note M. E. Companion HENRY DEWITT HAMILTON, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, when His Honor the Mayor of Rock Hill, Hon. J. B. JOHNSON, was introduced, who in a most cordial way extended to Grand Chapter the hospitality of the city. After his retirement Grand Chapter resumed labor, when Grand High Priest CHREITZBERG presented his annual address.

He regrets that Royal Arch Masonry "is not in as flourishing condition as we have a right to expect." In searching for the cause of the trouble, he finds what the reviewer believes to be the essence of it all—"the officers do not take enough interest in the Chapter work." We believe that any organization of men is a reflex of the men who are its leaders. Leadership demands faith, zeal, earnestness and application in those who hope to inspire others. Any one filled to the saturation point with these qualities of personality will not fail to win others to his cause. He wisely observes that if "the officers prepare themselves the members will gladly come to the meetings and enjoy them." We do not agree that "peace and harmony" are synonymous with "apathy and indifference." Peace and harmony mean unity and concord, without which no organization can prosper. Apathy and indifference suggests discord and confusion that leads to uselessness and ruin.

Four official visitations were made to subordinate Chapters, at two of which the Companions were found to be more interested in a civic event than in the visit of

their Grand High Priest, and no Chapter meeting was held. It seems to the reviewer that a sentence of discipline of a suitable degree would benefit such a body.

No dispensations were issued during the year.

Three decisions were necessary, one of which was not approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, for what appears to have been sufficient reason.

The Statistical Statement of the Grand Secretary shows a loss in membership for the year of 449; of these 307 were for non-payment of dues.

The Review of Proceedings of other Jurisdictions was prepared by Companion MICHIE in his usual felicitous and gracious way. Pennsylvania is given more than two pages, and we desire to repeat what we have already said, that if South Carolina were deprived of his services Capitular Masonry in that Jurisdiction would suffer an irreparable loss.

JOHN D. LEE, Grand High Priest.

O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary.

H. J. B.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota met in Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple at Aberdeen, Thursday, June 16, 1927, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, JOHN O. KAMMERMAN, assisted by the Grand Officers and Companions present, opened the Grand Chapter in *Ample Form*, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The opening prayer was perfect and reminds one of the "grace" pronounced by the "Three Wise Men" in Ben Hur, so simple, thankful, reverential, and appealing it was. We copy the prayer in full, so that it may be read by those who read this review.

THE PRAYER.

Direct us, O Lord, in this Grand Convocation with Thy gracious favor and aid us with Thy continual help that all our deliberations may be for the benefit of the Craft and for Thy Glory. Amen.

Nine Past Grand High Priests were present, also twenty-nine Past High Priests.

Again Pennsylvania was not represented when the roll for Grand Representatives was called.

The address of welcome was made by Companion L. EDWARD HED, of Aberdeen Chapter, No. 14, and was responded to by Companion ELDON W. CLARK, of Yankton Chapter, No. 1. His word picture of the City of Aberdeen and its citizens was splendid and makes one feel like emigrating to South Dakota.

Companion CYRUS B. WARNE, P. G. H. P., introduced M. E. Companion FOREST F. VAUGHAN, Grand High Priest of North Dakota, who was accorded the customary honors and allotted a seat in the East.

We are wondering if the Grand High Priest of North Dakota and the Grand High Priest of South Dakota exchanged the same courtesies as did the Governor of North Carolina with the Governor of South Carolina.

The history of any Masonic body, Grand or Subordinate, is usually the history of the presiding officer. If the Master, High Priest or Commander is listless or indifferent to the duties incumbent upon him, you will soon find that Lodge, Chapter, or Commandery slipping in interest, spirit and attendance, and of no benefit to themselves or others.

From the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, J. O. KAMMERMAN, we judge that he was a "live wire" during his term of office, and consequently was a "builder" in Freemasonry. We all love a builder and admire those who obtain results.

His words of welcome, cordial and cheerful, went straight home to his hearers and gave that at-home feeling that is so desirable in all assemblies. His tribute to Capitular Masonry was clear, forcible and just, and should inspire, to the better performance of every duty.

We quote from his address: "Ritualistic perfection in the various degrees is commendable. The more perfect our ritualistic work, the more effective and impressive are the lessons taught and less liable to be soon forgotten."

The address of the Grand High Priest embraced Necrology, Bonds, By-Laws, Representatives of Foreign Jurisdiction, Dispensations, Courtesies, Decisions, Visitations, each subject being treated liberally.

Under the heading of the word Edict, he says: "For a good many years Capitular Masonry has consisted of four degrees and we have long realized the necessity of the lessons taught in each degree, and I was surprised to learn that the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania had eliminated the Past Master's Degree from the Ritual of Capitular Masonry. This raised some serious question in my mind, and I found it necessary to issue the following edict:

To the Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction.

COMPANIONS:

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, that Body, by official

action, eliminated the Past Master's Degree, as a requirement or pre-requisite to the Royal Arch Degree in that Grand Jurisdiction.

Therefore any Companion hailing from the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, who has not received the Degree of Past Master, cannot be admitted as a visitor in any Royal Arch Chapter, Most Excellent Master's Lodge or Past Master's Lodge in the State of South Dakota, nor can he be elected in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this Jurisdiction by affiliation.

However, any Royal Arch Chapter in this Jurisdiction may, if it shall be their wish, confer without charge, the Past Master's Degree upon such Companion, after which he may be admitted as a visitor or elected to membership by affiliation.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has always held jurisdiction over the Past Master's Degree. A Master Mason had to wait six months after being raised, to ask for a "Dispensation" to pass the Chair, and for which he had to pay \$10.00.

Some Worshipful Masters insisted on the candidate being able to confer the three degrees before they would let him ask for a "Dispensation," the consequence was that the Master Mason would not learn it, and the York Rite lost a petitioner.

To correct this, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania decided to take their candidates from the Master Mason instead of the Past Master.

This worked out all right for the Chapters, but when a Companion received his Capitular Degrees he could not petition a Commandery because the Past Master's Degree is made a requisite by the Grand Encampment for Orders of Knighthood.

This left the Commanderies in a sad plight, but the Grand Lodge came to their rescue and ordered the Masters of the Lodges to pass any Master Mason to the Chair without fee or time limit.

So the Chapter of South Dakota can admit Companions from Pennsylvania without any qualms of conscience.

He paid twenty-two official visits to as many Chapters, and also visited the Grand Commandery of Huron, making twenty-three in all.

If he ate at twenty-two banquets it is a wonder he survived. Probably the Grand High Priest is under the same watchful care as that of a baby or drunk man.

The Grand High Priest recommended a change in the date of meeting of Grand Chapter in June to the second Friday, and following Saturday, so that when the Companions present return home they can immediately visit their subordinate Chapters, carrying with them the inspiration with which each one is filled while at the meeting of Grand Chapter.

He hit the nail straight on the head when he said: "We, of the Grand Chapter can complain about the work and lack of interest of the subordinate Chapters, but before our complaints are heeded we will have to exhibit more interest in our Grand Chapter. We must set the example for our subordinate Chapters and when the representatives leave here they should go home filled with an inspiration to do greater things and to spread the influence of Capitular Masonry among the less informed."

The Grand Chapter of South Dakota is divided into twelve districts, each district headed by a District Deputy Grand High Priest, whose duties were to look after the Chapters in his district, whose duties were to aid the Chapters, interpret the Rituals, and bring to them the

stimulation and benefits which Chapters receive from the visits of Grand Officers.

He then goes on in his address and says, after a trial of four years the system of Deputies has failed.

If it has failed it must have been that the Deputies had failed to do their whole duty; it cannot be the system, as that has been tried in Pennsylvania and has worked out satisfactorily, and with addition of establishing schools of instruction in various parts of the State the work of conferring the degrees will compare favorably with other Jurisdictions.

Selection of Companions for the office is the most difficult part of the system, but if the appointments are made with the sole idea of fitness for the office, then the system will be a success.

It is a success in Pennsylvania.

The State of the Craft as reported by the Grand High Priest was not a cheerful one—as the Grand Secretary's report will show a loss in membership during the past year, he attributed it to the lack of enthusiasm for Capitular Masonry on part of the Companions. This is the same cry everywhere and it is hard to determine the cause or advance a remedy.

Most Worshipful Grand Master GEORGE O. GOODMAN, of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was introduced, and in his address said, in part: "I would impress upon your minds that in this busy world of ours the Mason today cares less for the non-essentials but more for the essentials. This is an intensely practical age and we must have a practical Masonry.

In recent years a new light has appeared upon the Fraternal horizon. It is the light of Truth—of Co-operation—of Human Service. I wonder if we realize the struggle for existence that is going

on in the Fraternal world today; if we realize that there are Fraternal Organizations at the present time that are making their last desperate stand. In a few more years they will be with us in name only. Why? Because they did not realize how rapidly conditions were changing; that the old fraternal service is no longer sufficient; that Modern Fraternal Service is Human Service and that he who helps his Brother when clouds appear is rendering as distinct a service as did the Good Samaritan of old. Only institutions that serve have a right to survive.

It is this message I bring to you; that these Grand Bodies of ours must ever be alert, ever ready to adapt themselves to the changing conditions so that they will always be in a position to render the best service possible to Humanity and in so doing justify a continuance of their existence."

I leave it to the reader to meditate on this address.

The Secretary's report showed a net loss of seventy-eight during the year just ended.

DR. ROBERT S. HART, Groton, S. D., is the sole reviewer for Grand Chapter for the year just ended.

He devotes three pages to Pennsylvania and is a very fine reviewer indeed.

M. E. Companion ALBERT G. GRANGER, Grand High Priest, Kadoka.

R. E. Companion GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Companion ROBERT S. HART, Reviewer, Groton.

E. E., JR.

TENNESSEE.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was held in the Scottish Rite Temple, Nashville, beginning on Monday, January 24, A. D., 1927, A. I., 2457, at 9 A. M.

M. E. Companion ALFRED C. MORGAN, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Sixteen Past Grand High Priests were present. Also sixty-four Past High Priests and forty-nine Grand Representatives.

Pennsylvania did not seem to have any representative, at least he did not answer the roll call.

Eighty-eight Chapters were represented—two Chapters were not represented—being a remarkable showing.

M. E. Companion M. H. HALL, Grand High Priest of New Jersey, was announced in waiting. He was admitted and brought before the Altar, introduced to Grand Chapter and escorted to the East and seated.

Then followed the address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ALFRED C. MORGAN.

Having welcomed the Companions present, he spoke of the unprecedented progress made in the century just passed, in every line of endeavor that contributes to man's physical well-being. He then points with pride to the unbounded success and growth of Freemasonry.

And then he turned to the sad part of the present day's condition in these words:

"Only a few years ago our outer doors were besieged by strangers craving admittance to the rites and privileges of the Craft. Great numbers of good men and true were admitted, yet, today, we find many of our Chapters struggling for existence. Why is it? Freemasonry is not simply the collecting of a fee, the repetition of a ritual and the labeling of a Companion or a Brother with the Keystone or the Square. It is 'a beautiful system of morality, veiled in Allegory and illustrated by symbols.' When

we fail to illustrate the symbols properly, we are recreant to our trust and to our obligation and our ritual becomes a meaningless rite. Just as 'the internal and not the external qualifications recommend a man to Masonry,' so it is the internal impression and not the external that recommends Masonry to a man. Our best opportunity to make a man a Mason is during the exemplification of the degrees, and, Companion High Priests, your duty and honor and the future welfare of the Order demand that you transmit the great teachings of the Craft with scrupulous purity and impressiveness, not only to your successors in office, but more especially to every stranger who is admitted among the workmen. Then, and only then, can you justly claim the title of a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Under the heading—"Fraternal Dead," he notes the passing of HENRY OSCAR KLINE and A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Past Grand High Priests of Pennsylvania Grand Chapter.

A Grand Representative was appointed at his request for Pennsylvania in the person of Companion JOSEPH J. MEADOWS, of Nashville.

Courtesy work was done for the Grand Jurisdictions Virginia and Wisconsin.

He made twenty-six visitations and gave a short description of each visit.

Some of the Chapters showed a keen interest in the work, while others showed that they needed help and plenty of it.

General apathy seems to have captured the Craft all over the country.

Why this is so I don't know, the reviewer has given it up.

Under the head "In Conclusion" we quote as follows:—"I wish to call your attention to a condition of our Craft that is far from satisfactory. The 1924 returns showed 1,005 exaltations; the 1925 showed 738 exaltations; the

1926 report 554 exaltations, and the 1927 report 508 exaltations. In 1924, 2,921 Brethren were 'raised'; in 1925, 3,268 were 'raised,' and, in 1926, 2,873 were made Master Masons in Tennessee.

When work drops off in the Blue Lodge, it drops off in direct proportion in the Chapter. We need not complain at the small increase in membership if the exaltations are in proper proportion to the number 'Raised' by the Blue Lodge. I am glad to say that the proper proportion has been maintained but I am somewhat concerned over the condition of the subordinate Lodges. If we are to flourish, they must flourish, and I would commend to you the great wisdom and necessity of using every effort to keep the subordinate Lodges in which you hold membership in a healthy condition. They, as a rule, offer you an excellent opportunity for the dispensing of that 'true Masonic light and knowledge,' which is not only your bounden duty, but should also be your pleasure."

Please observe the correctness of his statement and the only means of a betterment, *Watch your Blue Lodge*.

An interesting item in the proceedings was an article headed Education, submitted by M. E. JOSEPH A. FOWLER. We quote only one paragraph. "Never has there been a greater opportunity for Masonry than today, and if it fails the failure will be tragic beyond relief or hope of repair."

The Centennial Ceremonial of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Holy Arch Chapter of Tennessee occupied twenty-one pages of the proceedings and was very interesting indeed.

Companion C. H. SMART, P. G. H. P., is the reviewer doing the work single and alone. This means at least one review a week for the entire year, which seems to me would affect his dreams.

He reviews Pennsylvania (1925) in a little over one page and says some complimentary things of this reviewer. However, there is no danger of a swelled head as the next proceedings taken up will probably reduce it.

Companion SMART, we have no copy of an unabridged dictionary and cannot find the word "canbeen" elsewhere. Is it just a manufactured word?

Companion CHARLES F. BUNBURY, M. E. Grand High Priest, Memphis.

Companion STITH M. CAIN, Grand Secretary, Memphis.

Companion C. H. SMART, Correspondent, Nashville.

E. E., JR.

TEXAS.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas convened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Waco, Monday, November 29, A. D. 1926, at nine o'clock A. M. with JOHN M. WEEKLEY, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

Companion H. R. HEAD, of the Committee on Credentials, reported twelve Grand Officers, thirty-five Grand Representatives, thirty-five Grand Visitors, one hundred and sixty-three Past High Priests and one hundred and twenty-five representatives of chartered Chapters present.

Companion NAT M. WASHER, of San Antonio, represented the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The opening address or rather the report of Grand High Priest Companion JOHN M. WEEKLEY was quite lengthy—the first or welcoming part occupied four pages. We quote two paragraphs:

"I have endeavored during the year to realize and ever keep in mind the fact that we all have a duty to perform, that we are indeed our brother's keeper insofar as our influence and opportunity extend. In conferring the sublime degrees of our Chapter, we should ever bear in mind that we are dealing with immortal souls, and should strive to the best of our ability to so impress the candidate that he will realize that our institution is indeed, and in truth, of Divine origin. That when he gets the Masonic degrees, he will see more than mere forms and ceremonies, that he will see the beauty of Holiness, and that Holiness to the Lord is our motto.

May we appreciate the fact that we live in a nation founded by Masons, who wrote its Constitution, whose Declaration of Independence is a Masonic document. A country founded that we might have civil and religious liberty, the priceless heritage of Masons, and the inalienable right of every human being in God's great universe. 'Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?' Shall not this great institution be zealous for the things for which we stand, and which we should impart to all who will have them? Shall we not do our part to see the principles upon which the Masonic Fraternity is builded, implanted in the minds and hearts of all whom we can impress or induce to stand with us, whether in or out of our great Fraternity?"

His report then branched off to the following subjects: Endowment Fund for Home for Aged Masons. Educational Campaign. Under this heading he recommended an appropriation of \$5,000 to continue the work. Past Grand High Priests SAM J. HELM and T. M. BARTLEY are at the head of this movement to teach true Masonry to Masons.

HOME FOR AGED MASONS.

A very touching theme was his invitation to P. G. H. P. A. S. BUNTING and his reply, which read as follows:—"I sure appreciate your cordial and urgent invitation to be the guest of the Grand Chapter at its next Grand Annual Convocation in the City of Waco, November 29-30. It would afford me great pleasure to meet with the Companions once more, but it is out of the question for me to attend, for I have been an invalid for six years, and I am deaf; lost my hearing when I had the 'flu,' and am

sorely afflicted otherwise. I am 82 years old, and my health and strength are gone. I regret very much that I cannot be with you, for I dearly love the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, but as I am nearing the Golden Sunset and the City Beyond, I fear I shall never be able to meet with my beloved Companions again. May God bless each of you, is my daily prayer. Fraternally yours, with love to one, and all, A. S. BUNTING, Past Grand High Priest, Gordon, Texas, Box 6.

P. S.:—I am a Baptist minister. I have preached forty-three years of my life, and am very poor in this world's goods, but rich in the Faith."

Forney Chapter Situation.

Visitations.

Visit to other Grand Chapters.

Florida Storm.

Mayfield Will Case.

He called a special Convocation of Grand Chapter, August 30, 1926, to dedicate a new Masonic Temple erected by Lone Star Chapter, No. 6, at Austin. Heretofore this work has always been done by Grand Lodge.

Grand Visitors.

Grand Representatives.

Negligent Officers and Chapters.

Under this heading he says:—"I find that there are a few Chapters in Texas that are very negligent of their duties, and doubtless, the responsibility for that condition rests upon their officers. There are Chapters in Texas holding the membership of Companions who have moved to other cities or communities, and who have been unable to get demits from their Chapters' books and inherently are entitled to demits. Written requests by the Companions, by officers of Chapters with which they wish to

unite, and in some instances by Grand Officers, so far have been unavailing. It seems impossible to get the Chapter to grant demits, and I judge that this is owing to neglect or the fault of the officers of the Chapter to whom the request comes."

Further along he adds:—"In this connection I might also say that there are Chapter officers in Texas who will not answer letters from your Grand Secretary or your Grand High Priest. Common courtesy would prompt a reply to every courteous letter, no matter from whom, and more especially from a Companion Royal Arch Mason, or a representative of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. I would urge Chapters to look well to the men they place in the important offices in their Chapters, who will have to deal with matters of interest to others."

He relates another serious grievance, that some subordinate Chapters refuse or neglect to make money returns due Grand Chapter. One can hardly realize such a condition could exist in Pennsylvania. It could not exist long if it should develop. Our officers are sticklers for the law and we fear that a Chapter would not exist long if they did not observe it.

Dispensations.

Requests for Courtesy Work.

Suspended Labors of Chapters.

Grand Representatives Nominated.

Chartered Chapters Constituted.

Appointments of Grand Visitors.

Legal Documents Executed.

Decisions.

Questions Answered.

Conclusion.

His conclusion was beautifully worded and inspiring to a supreme degree. He said in part:

"We are all rapidly approaching the time when we must lay down the cross. May we take up the crown, may we exchange a life of toil for one of eternal rest and happiness. May each one of us so live that when the Supreme Master calls that we will be ready and willing to go, that we may hear the welcome plaudit 'enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' May we remember the lessons of the immortality of the soul as taught in our ceremonies and lectures, may we keep in mind the scene of the resurrection of the body, as taught in our beautiful and sublime degrees.

May Holiness to the Lord be engraven upon all our thoughts, words and actions. When we shall have passed through the outward veils of these earthly courts, when the earthly house of this tabernacle shall be dissolved, may we all be admitted into the Holy of Holies above, in the presence of the Grand Council of heaven, where the illustrious Trinity presides, where our Supreme High Priest forever reigns. May we each labor diligently to complete that inner temple for God's eternal praise, and be ready when the week closes and the Sabbath of Eternity sets in, to be found worthy, by a life well spent and a duty faithfully performed, to enter that celestial home and receive the reward of everlasting joy. May we, each of us, so continue and direct our course of conduct through life, as at all times to be prepared when called hence, and on seeking admission to the Supreme Grand Lodge above, to stand the test of the Great Overseer's square. May our work have the mark of the Craft upon it; may it be an acceptable sacrifice. May it be good and square work. May it bear the cleansing of 'the water that became blood.'"

The report of the Board of Directors of the Home for Aged Masons occupies fifty-eight pages of the proceedings and is very interesting reading.

The home is most ably managed as shown by the various reports making up the whole.

The farm report shows a credit balance over operating expenses over \$900.

Cash sales of fruit amounted to nearly \$1,260.

Dairy and Poultry shows a profit over operating expense of over \$900.

The Knights Templar conduct the Hospital of the Home.

The report fails to give the number of the Guests of the Home.

Notice is made of Past Grand High Priests A. G. CRISWELL SMITH and HENRY OSCAR KLINE.

Companion SAM. J. HELM, of the Committee on Correspondence, is a vigorous individual and goes after the several Grand Jurisdictions with vim that one would expect from a man who lives in such a vast extent of territory as the State of Texas.

He devotes three and one-half pages to Pennsylvania and touches on many points.

He leads off by saying:—"Except for quarterly convocations and a refusal to either ask or do courtesy work, Pennsylvania's laws and ideals run pretty closely to ours. Neither of us believe in hoboing proclivities to serve Masonry to candidates on flowery beds of ease, neither of us will tolerate pocketbook degree work, both have physical disqualifications and dates for stated convocations, both of us believe that the principles of Masonry are more than a recitation of banquets attended, neither of us believe in a supreme national government for Masonry, and both of us begin appointing at C. of H., but they have many more Grand Chaplains than we—five more, in fact.

I suppose Pennsylvania Grand Chapter needs more Grand Chaplains than the Grand Chapter of Texas. We of the East have become effete, while Texas still lives in the open and keeps that breeziness of style that is most charming.

He must be an admirer of Past Grand High Priest GEORGE P. DARROW, as he talks about him to the extent of two pages or more. In part he says:—"G. H. P. got quite a kick out of district meetings, where several Chap-

ters would meet and exemplify the work; he found conditions most excellent in this respect, seldom meeting with a degree team which did not measure up to a high standard. So far, so good; but G. H. P. did not overlook a more important point; he knows that the ritual is merely an index to Masonry, so after the index had been found O. K., the G. H. P. would have some well-informed Companion open the volume of Masonry and read a few of the pages to which the index has pointed.

G. H. P. followed a big man on the job and he was steering a true course himself. O, why don't more G. H. P.'s get the vision and tell the Companions a few words about the meaning of Masonry? We have all heard about "demanding the secrets of a Master Mason"; if an illiterate man should meet a mathematician on the street and demand the secrets of trigonometry, all of trigonometry being a secret to him, he could not receive them; they could not possibly be given to him unless he had seen the light of geometry and algebra; it would be a matter of impossibility for the Master of mathematics to communicate the secrets to him on a street corner. Is that why Masons are not being taught Masonry? No, that is not the reason.

JOHN M. CORE and GEORGE P. DARROW know why so many G. H. P.'s don't teach Masonry. But, assuming that the average G. H. P. doesn't know much Masonry to talk, he should remember that the blacker the darkness the feebler the ray of light which can be detected. A man can talk for three hours on the first question in the E. A. degree without exhausting it, so a few words might be said very profitably about that if G. H. P. has never explored Masonry any further. It is a pleasure to get over in Pennsylvania and note that DARROW taught Masonry at the meetings in different places. The general

run of Masons don't know as much about Masonry as bakers about dough, and it is high time that DARROW's lead was being followed everywhere."

Again I say the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Texas should be read by every Masonic Student. A copy is always on the shelves of the Masonic Library of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

In our last review we said we were going to like Companion SAM J. HELM—Correspondent for Texas—well, we stick to that assertion.

By the way, Companion DARROW has a few admirers in Pennsylvania.

D. N. CUSHING, M. E. Grand High Priest, San Antonio.

T. M. BARTLEY, R. E. Grand Secretary, Waco.

SAM J. HELM, Correspondent, Corsicana.

E. E., JR.

UTAH.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah convened in its Sixteenth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, Price, Utah, on May 9th, at 10 A. M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, LEROY A. MCGEE, called the Grand Convocation to order.

Invocation was offered by Grand Prelate Companion HOUGHTON, and the Grand Chapter was duly opened in *Ample Form* and declared ready for business.

Four Past Grand High Priests were present.

A special committee was appointed to present Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Utah,

R. E. Sir FRANK P. SHERWOOD, also R. E. Companion WALTER J. HARRIS, Grand Treasurer of Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nevada.

When admitted, both of these distinguished Masons expressed their appreciation of the honors conferred upon them by the Grand Chapter of Utah.

The Grand Representatives were then received, but no one responded for Pennsylvania.

"The Grand High Priest addressed these Grand Representatives by stating that it was his pleasure to welcome so many of the Grand Representatives at this Convocation, with so many of the States and foreign Jurisdictions accounted for. If any special message has been received it will be received now. I trust each of you will convey to your respective Jurisdictions the fraternal greetings of this Grand Chapter, and extend to them our best wishes for their continued prosperity, and assure them that peace and harmony prevail in this Grand Jurisdiction."

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion LEROY A. MCGEE, then commenced his address. After welcoming the Companions present he said:—"This report will be brief for several reasons, one being that the past year has been one of peace and harmony and there is very little to report, except the usual routine of the Grand Chapter."

He also stated:—"The Grand Chapter still consists of eight constituent Chapters, as reported by M. E. Past Grand High Priest BROWN last year. The Grand Secretary informs me that the total membership is now 1,274, a net gain of thirty-three over last year."

All the subordinate Chapters were paid an official visit during the year.

During the year he appointed eleven Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Utah, Pennsylvania falling to E. C. WILLIAM D. PROSSER, Utah Chapter, No. 1.

He granted three dispensations, one of which was to Price Chapter, No. 6, to make a pilgrimage to Green River, Utah, for the purpose of conferring the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch degrees on a class of applicants residing adjacent thereto.

"Explaining the dispensation to Price Chapter, No. 6, to confer the various degrees at Green River, Utah, it should be said that this is territory within the jurisdiction of the Price Chapter, and a large number of applications, ten in number, have made their applications, expecting that the said degrees will be conferred on them at Green River. This work will be done in the Hall of Orient Lodge, No. 15, and it is believed and expected that this pilgrimage will not only redound to the credit of Price Chapter, No. 6, but to Capitular Masonry in general."

He recommended a contribution to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association—also the Mississippi Flood Sufferers.

The Western Grand Chapters are liberal in their contributions to Masonic Charities and makes one glad to belong to a Fraternity that opens wide its hand to a poor and needy Brother.

Then follows his report on Royal Arch Essentials, Decisions, Jurisdictions, Education, Additional Rituals, and in conclusion, thanks the Grand Chapter for the honor conferred on him as Grand High Priest.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed an increase of net assets.

Present membership, April 15, 1927, 1,274; net gain of thirty-three.

Conclusion.

Companion Grand High Priest BULKLEY, in his usually gifted language, told Past Grand High Priest LEROY A. MCGEE how much we all thought of him and presented him with a very beautiful watch.

Companion WILLIAM H. WILKINS is Grand Correspondent, and reviews Pennsylvania in a well edited article of a page or more in the proceedings.

We quote one paragraph:

"P. G. H. P. John M. Core's contribution to the Correspondence Report is prefaced by an introduction on the subject of the P. M. Degree, which is too long to copy in full and difficult to quote satisfactorily, but we hope will be read in full by the Craft."

Companion WILKINS, you are more optimistic than this reviewer, for the reason that I don't think the proceedings are read by the Craft at large, let alone the reviews of Correspondents.

M. E. WILLIAM J. BULKLEY, Grand High Priest, Provo, Utah.

M. E. G. B. ROBERTS, Grand Secretary, Ogden, Utah.

E. WILLIAM H. WILKINS, Grand Correspondent, Salt Lake City, Utah. E. E. JR.

VERMONT.

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened in Masonic Temple, in the City of Burlington, at nine o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, the 14th of June, A. D. 1927, A. I. 2457.

The Grand Chapter was opened by R. E. RAYMOND A. PEARL, Deputy Grand High Priest, in *Ample Form*, with assistance of the Grand Officers.

Seven District Deputy Grand High Priests were in attendance—only one was absent.

Thirty-one Grand Representatives were present, including Companion ROBERT M. MILLS, who represented Pennsylvania.

The Roll-call disclosed the following:

No. Chapters	31
No. Chapters represented.....	20
No. Chapter representatives.....	59
No. Grand Officers present.....	15
No. Past Grand Officers present.....	9
No. Past High Priests present.....	12
No. District Deputies present.....	7
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Total Roll.....	102

The Deputy Grand High Priest then commenced his address, saying:

"It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and sorrow that I welcome you to our one hundred and tenth Annual Convocation; pleasure that we have in renewing old friendships and making new friends, sorrow that during the year our Grand High Priest has passed to the Great Beyond from whence no man returneth.

Our departed Grand High Priest M. E. EDWIN BUXTON CLIFT.

Born at Middletown, Vt., May 25, 1868.

Died at Fair Haven, Vt., January 8, 1927.

The rough Ashler has been sculptured. The Fraternity will see him no more, but his life and deeds will ever live in the hearts of the true Vermonsters."

He spoke of the District Deputies' meeting and District meetings.

He appointed three Grand Representatives, and granted two dispensations, both permitting annual meetings to be held one month later than stated in By-Laws.

He directed the Grand Treasurer to send a substantial sum for Masonic Relief in the flooded States of the Mississippi Valley.

He quoted in full a letter sent out by the Grand High Priest of Virginia, M. E. CARSON B. TRENOR, referring to the dropping of the Past Masters' Degree by the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

In conclusion he said:

"No one is more sorry than I that M. E. Grand High Priest CLIFT could not have enjoyed good health and rounded out his year, as I know he sincerely wished to do.

I have picked up the threads as best I could, but I know M. E. CLIFT's report would have been much more complete could he have made it himself."

The Grand Secretary's report shows a net loss of members during the year to be forty-two.

Companion ELMER T. L. BENEDICT, Grand Lecturer, made an interesting report and seems, nay is, doing a good work.

There were several sayings which can be repeated with benefit to every reader:

"My message to the assembly was, 'good work, true work, and square work.'

A good get-together meeting.

While we were few in numbers, we were great in fraternalism.

I have found that R. A. Masonry is on the gain, not in numbers, perhaps, but in good work and fraternal relations."

In the review of Chapters, Pennsylvania is accorded two pages. He quotes Past Grand High Priest DARROW frequently, and picks out the "high spots" of his address.

A shadow was cast over the Grand Chapter of Vermont by the death of M. E. EDWIN BUXTON CLIFT, and is hardly lifted at this late day. He lived, is dead, but his spirit lives on and on to inspire those he left to a greater realization of the omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence of a great but merciful God.

M. E. Companion RAYMOND A. PEARL, Grand High Priest, St. Johnsbury.

R. E. Companion HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Secretary, Burlington.

M. E. Companion ARCHIE E. HARRIMAN, Correspondent.

E. E., JR.

VICTORIA.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria meets four times a year, and the proceedings of 1927 commence with a Convocation holden at Freemason's Hall, Collin Street, Melbourne, on Wednesday, July 21, 1926.

Present: M. E. Companion THOMAS LAMBERT, P. G. Z., acting Grand Z. The other Grand Officers were in their respective stations and places.

There were numerous Past Grand Officers present.

No Representative of Pennsylvania Grand Chapter signed the Attendance Book.

The Grand Scribe E. stated that he had received Apologies for non-attendance from M. E. Companion T. MACKENZIE KIRKWOOD, Grand Z.

The M. E. First Grand Principal, on his arrival in England, had despatched the following cablegram, which was duly read to Grand Chapter:

"Just arrived, splendid trip, perfect health. Sailing 'Chitral,' 13th of August. Fraternal greetings all.

THOMAS MACKENZIE KIRKWOOD."

The death of two Past Principals was announced: V. E. Companion Mayor GEORGE RAWSON and E. Companion DONALD CAMERON.

Kew Chapter No. 61 was consecrated April 29, by First Grand Principal Companion THOMAS M. KIRKWOOD before his departure to Europe.

Petitions were received for new Chapters at Bairnsdale, Oakleigh, and Camberwell.

The death of Companion HENRY OSCAR KLINE, P. G. H. P., of Pennsylvania was announced.

A lecture on "Odd Numbers" was delivered by M. E. Companion A. H. HANSFORD, M. A., L. B. B., at the conclusion of routine business, and was of such a valuable character that an abridged report was ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

If you wish to take advantage of the labor and research of the learned Companion, go to the Masonic Library in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh and read it.

The second Convocation of the year was held at the same place on Wednesday, October 20, 1926, M. E. Companion THOMAS M. KIRKWOOD, Grand Z, presiding.

At this Convocation the following motion was offered and carried.

"That the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria, in Quarterly Convocation assembled, most cordially 'recognizes' the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey as the supreme authority in Royal Arch Freemasonry within the State of New Jersey."

The Grand Scribe E. reported that he had received as a Presentation to Grand Chapter a beautiful set of the four vessels required in the Ceremonies of Consecration and Dedication. Hitherto, whenever a Chapter was to be consecrated we had been compelled to borrow the Craft Consecration Vessels. The donor had stipulated that his name was not to be mentioned; but the acceptance of such a beautiful and valuable gift demanded that Grand Chapter should at least record in its minutes the name of so public-spirited a Companion. Therefore, even at the risk of being accused of breaking a half-promise, he (G. S. E.) would inform the Grand Chapter that the donor was E. Companion WILLIAM R. POOLE, P. G. D. C.

The third Convocation was held at the same place on Wednesday, January 19, 1927, M. E. Companion THOMAS MACKENZIE KIRKWOOD in his official station.

The fourth and last Convocation of the Capitular was held at the same place on Wednesday, April 20, 1927.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM PLAYER BICE, P. G. Z., acting Grand Z.

M. E. Companion THOMAS MACKENZIE KIRKWOOD was re-elected First Grand Principal for the ensuing year.

After being installed, First Grand Principal addressed the Grand Chapter in part as follows:

"The expansion in Victorian R. A. Freemasonry during the past few years has been phenomenal. In six years the number of active Chapters has grown from 27 to 62; in ten years the membership has more than quadrupled; and yet the essential importance of the Degree, its beauty and dignity, and the high spiritual value of its teaching and philosophy justify me in saying that we ought to have five times our present number of members. But in this period of rapid growth we must take care to see that we are building on a solid and permanent foundation; that we are making real Companions and not merely members."

First Grand Principal, M. E. Companion THOMAS MACKENZIE KIRKWOOD.

Grand Scribe E., Companion JOHN E. KENNEDY, Cromwell Building, Melbourne.

E. E., JR.

VIRGINIA.

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia convened in Masonic Temple, in the city of Richmond, Va., on Tuesday evening, October 26th, A. L. 5926, A. I. 2456, A. D. 1926, at eight o'clock, when, after prayer by Companion F. T. McFADEN, D. D., Grand Chaplain, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was opened in *Solemn Form* by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, E. A. JOACHIM.

Ten Past Grand High Priests were present, also seven District Deputy Grand High Priests, and a countless number of Past High Priests.

When roll of Grand Representatives was called, Companion R. MINTER FERGUSON answered for Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The distinguished visitor was Most Excellent DANIEL G. DAVIS, Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia, who was welcomed by M. E. Grand High Priest JOACHIM, both of whom expressed their delight at the comity existing between these two Grand Bodies.

Right Excellent JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON, Fraternal Correspondent, was prevented from attending this Grand Conclave on account of personal illness.

The Grand High Priest's address was a model in conciseness and brevity.

He arranged it under the following headings:

NECROLOGY.

Under this heading, he makes mention of the passing Past Grand High Priest A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Under this heading, he appointed four.

VISITS.

Made twenty-two official visits, and said every one was a special pleasure in itself.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

He attended the Sixteenth Annual Convention, February 22, 1926, as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia.

DISPENSATIONS.

He issued five, for various reasons.

BY-LAWS.

Sixteen were approved.

CHARTERS.

Three new Chapters were added to the roster.

DECISIONS.

He made four decisions, all of which stood.

APPOINTMENTS.

A Grand Tyler, Trustees for Old Folks Home, Committee on Scholarship at the Virginia Military Institute.

GRAND LECTURER.

He described him to be efficient, faithful, and courteous.

MASONIC HOME OF VIRGINIA.

He states he was unable to attend any of the meetings of the Board, but commends the institution to the Craft.

ROYAL ARCH SCHOOLS.

There appears to be two at Waynesboro, which he visited and said,—“No other influence, outside of the Grand Lecturer, has done as much to promote the interest in Royal Arch Masonry as these Schools.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS.

Were not all in, but he gave them great thanks for their co-operation and support during the year.

HIGH LIGHTS OF HIS ADDRESS.

“Masonry is marching onward and keeping step with the years as they pass, and its principles, founded upon righteousness, justice, truth, toleration and brotherhood, are just as potent today as they have been in the past.

We are living in the most wonderful period of the world's history, and as we view the achievements of the past decade we are pleased with the things that have come to pass, and as we think of them we sometimes wonder if we are not forgetful of the source from which these blessings come.

Do we not sometimes forget God and His place in the affairs of men?

I question if this is not the cause of the unrest prevailing today, the laxity in the enforcement of all laws, the crime wave which is so prevalent, the contention between capital and labor, the confusion existing between fundamentalists, modernists and socialists striving for mastery."

The Grand Secretary's report showed a net gain in membership of 381, which is quite a contrast from other Grand Jurisdictions showing a net loss.

The Grand Chapter is in a very comfortable position as to finances, having \$27,752 in cash in bank.

The Grand Lecturer's Report occupies ten pages of the proceedings and starts off:

"It is a peculiar pleasure to report that all of the Chapters in the Old Dominion continue to maintain that high peak of proficiency and accuracy in the ritualistic work, as well as that dignity and decorum in conferring the degrees, that has characterized our work during the past five years, placing Capitular Masonry in Virginia in the very forefront—a position in which we may feel justly proud."

It concludes:

"The general condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the State is excellent. Royal Arch Masonry is highly prized in Virginia, not only by the 'actual workers' in our Chapter rooms, but by the rank and file as well. Seventy Chapters, well versed in the Ritual, vieing with each other as to who can 'best work and best agree?'"

Pennsylvania 1925 was reviewed by Companion EGGLESTON occupying nearly two pages of the Proceedings.

He wonders why the minutes were read of the preceding minute. The answer is that it (Grand Chapter) adheres very closely to all the forms, customs and modes of procedure of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In this particular instance it is the correct thing to do, and relieves the recording officer of any censure at a subsequent date.

Commenting on Pennsylvania's manner of reviewing Grand Chapter proceedings, he says:

"Whether or not this is a good way to supply the Companions with good literature we are not prepared to say. Virginia, 1924, was reviewed by Companion ELI EDMUNDSON, JR. He handled our 1924 volume and used two and one-half pages. It was an intelligent summary of what happened and of Grand High Priest MATTERN'S address."

Time will tell whether it is better to divide up the work of reviewing or otherwise.

We hope that Companion EGGLESTON has fully recovered from his indisposition of a year ago, and that he will be spared many years to labor for the good of Capitular Masonry, the crowning degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

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R. E. Companion J. GUS HAWKINS, Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 542, Richmond.

R. E. Companion JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON, Fraternal Correspondent, Richmond. E. E. JR.

WASHINGTON.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington convened in Forty-third Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Spokane, Washington, on Monday, May 2, 1927, and was called to order by Companion WILLIAM T. DRIPS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, at the hour of 9:45 o'clock, A. M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, with the assistance of the proper officers, opened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington in *Ample Form*, after being led in prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. JOHN C. KIRKMAN.

Companion JOHN W. BROWN, of Spokane Chapter, No. 2, made welcoming address to Grand Chapter. It was short and to the point. Among other things, he said: "In your deliberations and actions for the good and welfare of Royal Arch Masonry particularly and for the benefit of humanity generally may the heavenly rays shed a sublime light upon your acts, and may you ever be actuated by ennobling purposes."

Deputy Grand High Priest R. E. Companion JAMES McCORMICK replied for Grand Chapter, and right well he did it. He must be an Irishman with the gift of eloquence to describe the fair land of Washington. He knew Masonry as well as he knew the land he journeyed through to reach Spokane. Listen to part: "We have come to engage in a noble and glorious work, not like our Companions of old, to reconstruct the temple from the perishable materials of earth, upon the ruins of its former glory, but to continue our work in building the temple of Humanity—a temple more durable than has ever been erected by the operative Mason's skill."

The roll of Grand Representatives was called, but no one answered for Pennsylvania.

Those present were welcomed by Grand High Priest WILLIAM T. DRIPS and the response to the address of welcome in behalf of all the representatives was given by Most Excellent Companion EDWARD H. VANPATTEN, Representative of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota.

M. E. Companion in replying, said in part: "To the Companions on the side lines I wish to say that we are of the same material as are you, and hold no feeling of exaltation by reason of this ceremony. The ideal formula which dictates this ceremony recognizes the fact that we are all Brethren and Companions, whether we are members of the Grand Chapter of Washington or belong to

other bodies of like import, who are all engaged in the noble work of trying to elevate mankind and to help in the establishment of that feeling of brotherly love which we, as rational beings, must recognize as being applied to nations as well as to individuals. It, therefore, is not a meaningless ceremony, but is one which typifies the essence of the great movement to draw all nations into a bond of brotherly affection and respect."

The address of the Grand High Priest covers eighteen pages and touches on every subject making up the business of a Grand Chapter.

In the beginning he said: "The record is similar to most of the history of the past. There has been no wonderful event to chronicle, neither is there any record of serious retrogression."

He appointed a number of Representatives near other Grand Chapters. Among other Companions: GEORGE C. ROBERTS for Pennsylvania.

Under the heading "State of the Craft," he said:

"The Chapters, speaking generally, are proficient in the work and are conferring the several degrees with dignity and correctness. While there is room for improvement, the very evident desire to know is sufficient assurance to me that this part of the work is in good shape. More Chapters are adopting the posting lectures which were printed and distributed, and in several schools of instruction are taking up not only the ritualistic work, but going further into the symbolism and meaning of Masonry generally, and the Capitular Degrees particularly. We should encourage this, I believe, and perhaps suggest speakers or lines of study to be pursued."

This subject is always interesting to the reviewer, that he may make comparisons with his own and our Grand Chapters.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows present membership to be 9,418—a net gain of twenty-one.

Twenty-eight Chapters made a net gain, twenty-one made net losses and three show neither gain or loss.

The report of the Committee on Grand Officers report said:

"We heartily commend our retiring Grand High Priest for the dignified and excellent manner in which he has conducted the affairs of this our Grand Jurisdiction during the past year."

The address of the Grand Orator, E. Companion WALTER H. STEFFEY, was largely a review, and attacked intolerance, which is timely as to our own nation and that of our neighbor on the south of us.

On motion, the following report of the Committee on Obituaries was adopted:

"Again we are forcibly reminded that death treads on the heels of life. The world is full of mourners—whom may God bless! 'If need be.' He brings us down from our sunny heights to the dark canyon. There we are nearer to Him than at any other time. Sorrow is that very cloud in which he hides Himself and comes to teach and help.

And as the dark storm brings out the rainbow, so the dark cloud of sorrow brings out in heavenly light, the 'exceeding great and precious promises' of the blessed Bible.

Let us 'search the Scriptures' daily, earnestly, prayerfully.

We are built to the future as the keystone implies the arch.

Every grave reminds us, not only of our mortality, but that we are 'all immortal.' And as the sun, bursting through the gray light of early morning, reveals the otherwise hidden beauties of nature, so may 'the Sun of Righteousness' shine into the heart and mind of each mourner, showing the Lord's wisdom in taking from them one who was loved beyond the power of description.

We commend all to God and His word."

In their annual review, Pennsylvania is accorded two pages and was written by E. Companion HENRY L. KENNAN, who has quite a job on his hands to review over fifty Grand Chapters. He does it ably, however, so why should we remark?

Companion JAMES McCORMACK, M. E. Grand High Priest, Tacoma.

Companion HENRY L. KENNAN, R. E. Grand Secretary and Reviewer, Spokane. E. E. JR.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in the Armory, in the City of Martinsburg, on Monday and Tuesday, the 8th and 9th days of November, A. D. 1926, A. I. 2456. Opening session on the 8th at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Companion ERNEST H. BITNER, M. E. Grand High Priest, presided.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests present were called before the Altar and received with Grand Honors and welcomed in a most cordial manner.

The roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of West Virginia was called, but no Companion answered for Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest then addressed the Grand Chapter.

After he had extended the usual welcome to the members of Grand Chapter, he said in part:

"Growth during the past year has been slight, losses many, mostly N. P. D. The same report is noted in nearly all Grand Jurisdictions. Many of these losses are not to be mourned, as the war years saw a certain laxity, and many joined our Craft who would not have done so in quieter times. However, I can not but feel that some of these were valuable men. Again, there must be carelessness in many sections, and good men who have joined our Blue Lodges have slipped us. Most Chapters seem in healthy condition, but several report very few meetings, and no work. Such conditions must be due to lack of interest among the officers."

He made several decisions which are interesting. The first two affected Pennsylvania and were as follows:

1. A Companion who is a member of a Royal Arch Chapter in Pennsylvania and who has not received the Council Degrees, desires to receive them in Hinton Chapter without demitting from the Pennsylvania Chapter.

Held, that he must demit and become a member of the Hinton Chapter.

2. A member of a Blue Lodge in Clarksburg, now residing in Pennsylvania desires to receive the Chapter Degrees in Clarksburg (being unable to receive the Chapter Degrees in Pennsylvania, as he has not received the Past Master's Degree).

Held, that he can not petition Adoniram Chapter, No. 11, on account of residence in Pennsylvania.

He made a number of recommendations, all of which were referred to the proper committees.

The Grand Secretary's report showed a membership of 12,119, a gain of fifty-one members.

The Grand Lecturer, Companion PRESCOTT C. WHITE, is an attentive Mason. Had we more of his kind, Masonry would not be slipping as we fear it is. In part, he said:

"The regional schools of instruction, recommended in the last report, and approved by the Grand Chapter, did not, so far as I know, materialize to any extent. If I am correctly informed, only one was held, and this, I am told, was to a very great degree a failure. Only a few delegates were in attendance, and these not from Chapters most in need of instruction and greater proficiency in the ritual.

Of the fourteen Deputy Lecturers and Inspectors commissioned for the year, nine made reports and five made no report. In all of those reporting, with two or three exceptions, there is a prevailing note of discouragement that is ominous and does not bespeak well for the future of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. Many of the Chapters have held but two, three or five Convocations during the year, and these by few and forced attendance. Quite a number of the Chapters reported could not provide a quorum for the inspecting officer, and the reports, lacking, of course, in some vital information, had to be made up from the Secretary's record. 'This is not as it should be.'"

Further along he says:

"One cause for the present discouraging conditions in our Chapters, perhaps, is to be found in the lack of necessary legislation to enforce the proficiency required. When Chapters are found to be low in a certain

standard of proficiency in the ritual, they should be reported at once to the Grand Lecturer and a deputy lecturer ordered to go to such Chapter, after making the necessary arrangements, and remain there until a satisfactory proficiency is attained by the officers in charge of the Chapter work."

He then strikes the key-note of the whole situation—
Lack of spirit. He proceeds:

"But even proficiency in ritual and adequate legislation thereto will not be sufficient to accomplish the end desired. It is necessary that we be imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, if we are to accomplish great and permanent results. Masonry means to build. Masonry is building.

One of the leading civic clubs of today, which organizations have grown with such rapidity in recent years as to almost overshadow older organizations of a similar nature, has called itself 'Kiwanis.' A coined word meaning 'We Build.' Centuries before Kiwanis was, is Masonry—the builders. Do we build as wisely as we should? We also should be civic and build therefor.

Masonry is symbolical. If there is anything in Masonry anywhere that is not symbolical it is not consistent Masonry. In the Blue degrees we are taught that 'tools and implements of architecture and symbolic emblems most expressive are selected by the Fraternity to imprint upon the mind wise and serious moral and spiritual truths. But the work of the Royal Arch rises higher. It is actually engaged in symbolic building, which should also include civic construction. By symbolism Masonry constructs a bridge which spans the great gulf between the material and spiritual worlds. And the builders of the Royal Craft are called by the manifold voices of these troubled times to work upon the walls of that eternal city which is coming down out of heaven to be forever upon the earth with men.'

If we can be made to hear and answer this call then the true spirit of Masonry 'the builders' will be realized and we will know that proficiency in the ritual and interest and enthusiasm in the work are simply means to this end."

The report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Lecturer said in part:

"We regret to note from the Grand Lecturer's report a lack of support and interest in the regional school of instruction, and lack of enthusiasm or interest on the part of some of the subordinate Chapters. The continued existence of a Chapter showing no interest or progress is detri-

mental to Royal Arch Masonry, and unless these conditions can be remedied it may be that we should consider the elimination of certain Chapters, or perhaps, in certain instances, the consolidation of two neighboring Chapters, to the end that we might have one strong Chapter in the place of two weak ones."

Companion ADRIAN C. NADENBOUSCH presented to the retiring Grand High Priest BETNER a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel and Apron. His address was one of pathos and deep feeling that had the ring of true Masonry and a fraternalism of which we can be proud.

Companion HARRY J. BELL represents the Grand Chapter of West Virginia in Pennsylvania.

Companion B. A. CARUTHERS, Charleston, W. Va., represents Pennsylvania in the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

Pennsylvania is well reviewed in a page and one-half in the proceedings. At the commencement the reviewer says:

"The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are arranged quite different from others of the American family; they resemble more those of foreign countries. Very little is recorded from which a review may be written that might interest other Grand Chapters."

It is difficult to review any Grand Body where four meetings are held yearly in place of one annual meeting.

The writer has had some experience along that line—for instance, the Grand Chapter of Victoria.

The reviewer, Companion G. M. FORD, will learn more of Pennsylvania Masonry if he would visit with us oftener and see the inner workings of our institution.

In the concluding paragraph of his review he says:

"The Order of High Priesthood is not mentioned, hence we presume Pennsylvania does not acknowledge it."

When a Companion is elected to the office of High Priest, he is installed as such and has the order of High

Priesthood conferred upon him at the same ceremony, of course in the presence of Past High Priests only.

Companion FORD reviewed fifty-nine Grand Chapters in the current proceedings of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, so you see, my Companions, he deserves your sympathy and support.

At the conclusion of his last review, that of Wisconsin, he concludes with:

"All proceedings that have reached us have been reviewed. We have tried to cull the outstanding features from each book.

While the losses in many subordinate Chapters and a few of the Grand Chapters is to be regretted, a careful analysis shows clearly that while quantity has decreased, quality is on the increase.

An increased interest in the work and a closer hewing to the lines in Masonic law is evident, and if we continue along this pathway there is no doubt of the ultimate result."

M. E. Companion CARSON B. TRENOR, Grand High Priest, Charleston.

R. E. GEORGE M. FORD, Grand Secretary and Foreign Correspondent, Wheeling. E. E. JR.

WISCONSIN.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin was opened in *Due Form* in the Royal Arch Degree in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, corner of Van Buren and Oneida Streets, in the City of Milwaukee, on Tuesday morning, February 15th, 1927, at ten o'clock, with M. E. THOMAS R. MUNDY, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand Chapter was led in prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Companion JAMES E. GARRETT.

Immediately the Grand High Priest commenced his address. The first paragraph took the form of a prayer, beautiful in conception and wording and needs of the Fraternity. He said:

"By the mercies and under the protection of the GREAT I AM, we are permitted to assemble in this, the Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and we invoke His blessing upon the purpose of our present assembly. May this Grand Chapter be established to His honor and consecrated to His glory. May its officers be endowed with wisdom to discern its true interests, and fidelity to pursue them; may the Companions be ever mindful of the duty they owe to their God, the obedience they owe to their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good-will they owe to mankind."

A deep religious sentiment runs all through his address and reveals the human mind reverential to the Deity and one that seeks the guidance of the Infinite. The third paragraph demonstrates this and more. Listen!

"The reports of the various officers will show the financial and numerical condition of Capitular Masonry. But there is a condition that is far more important than numerical strength or financial gain. Has your line, since we last met, been such as to stand the test of the Overseer's square? Have you learned the all-important lesson of how to preside over the Chapter represented by yourself? Has your keystone been cast aside as unfit for use or have you so wrought it that it will fit the unfinished arch of your life and complete the spiritual temple that should be erected and dedicated to the living God? Have you fully learned the lesson of the captivity of the flesh and realized that after threescore and ten years have been accomplished the Grand Architect of the Universe will summon you to travel over those rough and rugged roads to the New Jerusalem, there to live according to your life on earth? If you have been willing to undertake any part of the work, if you have labored without hope of fee or reward, if your work is pronounced good, true and square, may the True Word be given you that you may gain admission to that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

It is with pleasure that I am permitted to report that peace and harmony prevail among the Royal Craft within this Grand Jurisdiction, and that growth and prosperity have marked the last year. The reports from our constituent Chapters show that there was a net gain in membership in the year 1926 of nine hundred and forty, and that at the close of that

year there were twenty-five thousand three hundred sixty-seven Royal Arch Masons holding membership in Wisconsin Chapters."

He mentioned the passing of HENRY OSCAR KLINE, Past Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania.

In conclusion, he said:

"If we are true Royal Arch Masons and have learned the lessons of how to bring the blind by a way they knew not and lead them in paths they have not known, then we should be well qualified to make 'darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.' Companions, as long as memory lasts, I shall look back upon the past year as one of the brightest miles in my journey through life."

Six Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

No one answered for Pennsylvania when the roll of Grand Representatives was called.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries well deserves the motion to be printed in the proceedings. It deals purely with the Spiritual part of our nature and is happily conceived and beautifully expressed in the choicest King's English. Space or want of space alone keeps it from being reproduced in full in this review.

This proceedings can be found in the Libraries of Masonic Temples in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and is well worth the effort to go to either of these two places and read it.

The report was signed by JAMES E. GARRETT and OTIS F. GEORGE, Committee.

The report of the Grand Lecturer was also interesting. He said:

"Ninety-five per cent. of the Chapters in Wisconsin are in good working condition and are capable of doing good work. There are not more than six of our constituent Chapters that the above statement will not apply to."

He also said: "In one or two places I have found that the recreation rooms of the Masonic Temples have a

greater attraction for the members than the Lodge room has."

The report of the Manager of the Masonic Service Bureau shows that he is doing good work. Witness:

"As I stated to our Grand Lodge in June last, the Masonic Service Bureau has become a clearing house between employer and employee, a source of every kind of information, a harbor of refuge for the sojourning Mason and his family who are in distress or in need of aid, and the one place where the sojourner can find temporary financial assistance. That we truly endeavor to help them to help themselves, to relieve the distressed, to soothe the unhappy, to aid in their misfortunes, to restore peace to the troubled mind, and happiness to blighted homes. That we do accomplish this, at least to a certain degree, is attested to by the many letters received annually, containing the most beautiful expression of gratitude, together with the tearful thanks personally given to us."

Every Institution of Fraternalism must have some definite object in view or it does not progress.

Report on order of De Molay occupied six pages but we pass it up.

Pennsylvania is reviewed in an article of less than a page, and speaks of distinguished and Grand Visitors to the exclusion of all other information.

Companion SAMUEL WRIGHT concludes his review of the Grand Jurisdictions as follows:

"The past year, as to membership, the Grand Chapters have not been as prosperous as during the immediate preceding dozen years. Some have gained slightly, others held their own, while a few have lost. We notice that the exceedingly large Chapters of the large cities have barely maintained their former large roster. A close inspection shows the cause of the apparent dearth is not owing entirely to the falling off of the work, but more particularly to exclusion, N. P. D., which in some cases has been quite large."

M. E. Companion WINFIELD W. GILMAN, Grand High Priest, Milwaukee.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.

Companion SAMUEL WRIGHT, Reviewer.

E. E., JR.

WYOMING.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming met in Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on Thursday, July 15, A. D. 1926, at nine o'clock, A. M., Companion EDWARD D. EDWARDS, M. E. Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest, after the formal ceremonies pertaining thereto, declared the Grand Chapter open for business pursuant to adjournment, the Acting Grand Chaplain leading the devotional exercises.

The names of eight Past Grand High Priests were recorded.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called, but as usual, no one responded for Pennsylvania.

R. E. Sir Knight SYLVESTER K. LOY, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Wyoming, was received and presented to the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest then commenced his address, which was principally made up of the various interests in a Grand Chapter.

He received the written resignation of Deputy Grand High Priest, a most unusual occurrence. No action was taken by the Grand High Priest, none being deemed necessary.

Secretary's report disclosed the membership as of June 1, 1926, to be 2,226, a net gain of eighty-three.

By resolution they changed the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter to the first Tuesday following the second Monday in July of each year.

Companion RICHARD H. REDPATH in his report on correspondence writes:

"It is pleasing to record as outstanding features in the various Jurisdictions, both foreign and domestic, a growing desire to elevate the work, especially the Royal Arch, to comport with the dignity and beauty inherent therein, and to require a higher standard of efficiency among officers, by inspections and instruction, as also to weed out undesirable timber admitted during the past few years and to scrutinize more closely the standing of candidates."

He mentions the large loss in membership by reason of N. P. D. and frankly says the remedy is in the hands of the Secretary of the subordinate Chapters.

Pennsylvania, 1925, was reviewed in a well edited article of nearly two pages. He devotes one-half of this space to the manner of reporting by the Reviewers in Pennsylvania.

He also takes a "slam" at our quarterly sessions, asserting that it is not easy to make a corrected report, and he is right, as the writer well knows.

Companion REDPATH reviews all the Grand Chapters in Canada and the United States, and it is some job.

There would be an instantaneous resignation if the writer had to review as many.

Companion TERREL G. SCOTT, M. E. Grand High Priest, Sheridan.

RICHARD H. REDPATH, R. E. Grand Secretary, Cheyenne.

RICHARD H. REDPATH, Committee on Correspondence,
Cheyenne. E. E. JR.

Our labor—one of love—for 1927 is ended. The different members of the Committee have each reviewed the Jurisdictions assigned to them. The opinions expressed are their individual opinions. No censorship is exercised. While the M. E. G. H. Priest might properly censor any thing written, so great is his confidence in the Committee that he has not even asked to be shown the different reviews before printing. Today's mail carries this to the Grand Secretary's Office, and tomorrow's mail will probably bring the proceedings of some Jurisdiction for review. We hope that the entire review will be read by the Companions of Pennsylvania. It will do them good.

Now a suggestion, which we hope may catch the eye of some High Priest in the State who is looking for something for his members to do. Appoint a Committee of your members, no officers or Past High Priests—to take up the Proceedings of Grand Chapter and at the regular meetings make reports thereon. One evening may be well devoted to Finance of Grand Chapter, another to Work of Grand Chapter, and several to the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. A sufficient number of the Proceedings of Grand Chapter are sent to each Chapter to furnish the Committee with the necessary data. While we have no precedent, we do not believe that any Chapter would be seriously dealt with for printing on its notice that at the next meeting Companion —— would make a report for the Committee, on the Finance of Grand Chapter, or on the Work of Grand Chapter.

Another Committee occurs to the writer, and he confesses that he has never seen any form for it. That is a Committee on Delinquents. We appoint a Committee of investigation to investigate the candidate before ballot, why should we not have a like Committee to investigate carefully and make report to the Chapter before action

is taken on suspending the Companion. A judiciously selected Committee, who would personally see the Companion, and talk the matter over with him before the Chapter acted on his suspension, would in my opinion greatly reduce suspensions. Many a Companion, if he realized the Companions had an interest in him, would reconsider the matter before allowing himself to be suspended. Also, such a Committee might find cases where the Companion instead of being suspended for non-payment of dues ought to be helped by the Chapter. This ought to give something to a large number of Companions to do for the Chapter and for themselves. In other words, I would suggest that at least as much care and personal investigation should be made before a Companion is suspended as is made before he is balloted on for initiation and membership. If that course were honestly pursued by the Chapters I believe that there would be fewer suspensions, and less bewailing "lack of interest in the Chapter."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is made for the Companions of Pennsylvania. There seems to be an idea, I do not know how it got abroad, that it is written solely for the reviewers of other Jurisdictions, and is only to be read by them. Such is not the case. It is written so that the Companions of Pennsylvania may know what is going on in the Capitular world outside their own Jurisdiction. Every Chapter in the State ought to have a report at least on the Committee's report. But they won't do it, and no one knows it better than the writer.

January 9, 1928.

J. M. C.

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA

ITS CHAPTERS, PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING, AND SECRETARIES.

No.	NAME	CONSTITUTED IN	PLACE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SECRETARY
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	N. Frank Matter, Harrisburg
43	.....	1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Charles E. Kreider, Lancaster
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	Samuel W. Brown, Jr., Philadelphia
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	Victor L. Clark, Philadelphia
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	Wm. Bowland Ritchie, Washington
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	Edward W. Roderick, Reading
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	Robert H. Gilgore, Minersville
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	Albert M. Baker, Towanda
162	Zerubabel	1836	Pittsburgh	First Tuesday	Frederick P. Glasser, Pittsburgh
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	Fountain Roy Leinbach, Lock Haven
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	William S. Conwell, Brownsville
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	Second Thursday	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown
166	Mt. Moriah	1849	Holidaysburg	Third Tuesday	Norman N. Mench, Altoona
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Second Friday	James W. Doncaster, Rochester
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edwin C. McComb, New Castle
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	First Thursday	Thomas M. Sener, Carlisle
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Second Monday	Elmer C. Kasson, Tunkhannock
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton
174	Northumberland ..	1853	Sunbury	Third Tuesday	Charles W. Clement, Sunbury
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	Geo. Washington ..	1854	Chambersburg	Third Monday	Arthur W. Gillan, Chambersburg
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	First Friday	Alex. L. Oliver, Tamaqua
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Charles S. Kline, Catawissa
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Second Wednesday	Horace G. Likeley, Carbondale
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	Wednesday after full moon ..	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose
181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Third Tuesday	J. Martin Ross, Mauch Chunk
182	Shekinah	1856	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	Allan C. Brooks, Wilkes-Barre

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183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	George H. Banes, Philadelphia
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	Jacob A. Frantz, Scranton
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	William Hunt, Lewistown
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	Frank T. Young, Conneautville
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	Second Tuesday	Joseph M. Howe, Altoona
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	H. Walton Wood, Norristown
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	Second Tuesday	Clinton W. Seymour, Meadville
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tuesday	Weber A. Arter, Monessen
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburgh	Second Friday	Harry J. Weimar, Pittsburgh
194	Tyoga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	Henry E. Raesly, Wellsboro
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Third Tuesday	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown
196	Mountain City ..	1859	Pottsville	Second Monday	Harry E. Greager, Pottsville
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	William W. Walter, Lebanon
198	Phoenix	1861	Phoenixville	Second Saturday	J. Harry Grover, Phoenixville
199	Howell	1864	York	Second Wed. after first Mon...	William H. Blouse, York
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Second Tuesday	James Roscoe Dearing, Corry
201	Standing Stone ..	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	William L. Johnston, Huntingdon
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Second Monday	John A. Baker, Pocopson
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	First Monday	Robert Campbell, Allentown
204	Anthony Wayne ..	1866	Honesdale	Second Thursday	Edward A. Lindsay, Honesdale
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville	Second Wednesday	Fred M. Francis, Dalton
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	George B. Johnston, Beaver Falls
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	Victor Bucher, Pleasantville
208	Germanatown	1866	German'tn, Phila..	Third Monday	George W. Bardens, Germanatown, Phila.
209	Sam'l C. Perkins ..	1866	Mechanicsburg ..	Second Monday	Samuel E. Basehore, Mechanicsburg
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Searl W. Holmes, Great Bend
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Friday	F. Chester Moyer, Franklin
212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	Frank D. Pressler, Greenville
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	First Monday	Arthur Davenport, Kingston
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	Justin P. Slocum, Erie
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Friday	James R. Schmid, Bethlehem

No.	NAME	CONSTITUTED IN	PLACE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SECRETARY
217	Allegheny	1868	Pittsburgh, N. S.	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Pittsburgh
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Thursday	Albert Rhodomoyer, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	James Magrady, Ashland
220	Fort Washington ..	1868	Fort Washington ..	First Tuesday	John K. Earnest, Ambler
221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	First Wednesday	Norman C. Smith, Tremont
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Second Wednesday	Alfred M. Wilson, Oxford
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	Third Tuesday	Harry S. Hall, Brookville
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila...	Third Wednesday	Frank W. G. Mitchell, Philadelphia
227	Emporium	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	James L. Summerson, Emporium
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	Frank Urey, Clearfield
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	William Patterson, Ridgway
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Robert A. Smith, Philadelphia
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Wednesday	George K. Riehl, Philadelphia
234	Media	1871	Media	Fourth Monday	Everett A. Harding, Media
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	Harry F. Cogswell, Warren
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	First Monday	Wm. L. Koch, Oil City
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Second Friday	William F. Kinch, Reading
238	Newport	1872	Newport	First Monday	Joshua S. Whitmore, Newport
239	Danville	1872	Danville	First Tuesday	William V. Oglesby, Danville
240	Palestine	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Henry S. Hazlett, Philadelphia
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	Arthur H. Sloop, Bellefonte
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Louis P. Bierly, Pittston
243	T. B. Freeman ...	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	George H. Allen, Sharon
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Fourth Tuesday	J. Eugene Doll, Abington
246	Warrior Run ...	1874	Watsonville	Second Tuesday	Ward W. Welsh, Watsonville
247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William E. McGarvey, Kittanning
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia
249	Monongahela ...	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	Thomas C. Farquhar, Monongahela
250	Corinthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	Samuel Sigler, Philadelphia

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251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	Charles W. Kaiser, Philadelphia
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City	Second Thursday	Edward F. Snyder, Mahanoy City
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany	Third Tuesday	John W. Johnson, Port Allegany
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Third Thursday	William E. Beam, Bedford
256	University	1877	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	J. Milton Lutz, Upper Darby Br., Philadelphia
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburgh	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Wilkinsburg
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Second Tuesday	Wesley R. Morgan, Chester
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	John F. Lehman, Clarion
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Josenh L. Hinaman, Bradford
261	Troy	1882	Troy	First Tuesday	Benj. S. Greene, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Third Thursday	Clarence H. Handwork, Haverford
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesday	Harry W. Nelson, Coudersport
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Tuesday	Frank B. Fisler, Shamokin
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	Third Monday	Charles L. Gridley, Westfield
266	Good Samaritan	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	Charles W. Myers, Gettysburg
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Third Thursday	William H. Brown, Coatesville
268	Pittsburgh	1888	Pittsburgh	Second Monday	Albert S. Barr, Pittsburgh
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Friday	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Second Tuesday	Walter M. Carwithen, Doylestown
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Irwin T. Warner, Pottstown
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	Second Monday	Paul D. Clutton, Meyersdale
273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William H. Miller, Butler
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Third Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square	First Tuesday	James F. Mackereth, Mendenhall
276	The Susquehanna	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	Ira H. Spencer, Susquehanna
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	John S. Matchette, Catasauqua
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Frederick Kime, Kane
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	Jesse I. Penney, Ingram
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	David J. Griffiths, Stroudsburg
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Second Thursday	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport

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283	Connellsville	1900	Connellsville	Third Tuesday	Samuel G. Zimmerman, Connellsville
284	Melita	1903	Philadelphia	Second Monday	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia
285	Wilkinsburg	1904	Wilkinsburg	Second Friday	Andrew J. Elliott, Wilkinsburg
286	Bellevue	1904	Bellevue	Second Friday	Lewis Snodgrass, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke	1908	Nanticoke	Second Friday	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke
288	Mizpeh	1908	Pittsburgh, N. S.	Second Tuesday	George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N. S.
289	Valley	1908	Wilmerding	Second Friday	John T. Small, Wilmerding
290	Monessen	1908	Monessen	Second Tuesday	Andrew Ebenhoch, Belle Vernon
291	Ezra	1909	Bethlehem	First Friday	Samuel F. Keim, Bethlehem
292	Slatington	1909	Slatington	Third Monday	Peter N. Snyder, Slatington
293	Amity	1910	Athens	Second Friday	George D. Bonfoey, Sayre
294	Darius	1911	McDonald	Third Tuesday	Howell P. Williams, McDonald
295	Siegfried	1913	Northampton	Third Tuesday	George H. Johnston, Coplay
296	Zebulun	1913	Blossburg	Second Wednesday	James Roy Bonney, Blossburg
297	Homewood	1913	Pittsburgh	Second Thursday	William C. Beckett, Pittsburgh
298	Milton	1914	Milton	Second Friday	Harry A. Eberhart, Milton
299	Bellefield	1915	Pittsburgh	Third Tuesday	Charles L. Hannan, Pittsburgh
300	Coraopolis	1915	Coraopolis	Third Monday	W. Elmer Cain, Coraopolis
301	Lansdale	1915	Lansdale	Third Monday	Leroy K. Tyson, Lansdale
302	Jordan	1916	Allentown	First Tuesday	Preston J. Everett, Allentown
303	Braddock's Field	1917	Braddock	First Monday	Oscar L. Grove, Braddock
304	Yorktown	1917	York	Second Thurs. after first Mon..	Harry K. Weiser, York
305	St. Clair	1920	Dormont	Second Thursday	Willard A. Laning, Pittsburgh
306	Homestead	1920	Homestead	Second Thursday	Samuel L. Himes, Homestead Park
307	Apollo	1920	Philadelphia	First Friday	William McCombs, Philadelphia
308	Ivanhoe	1921	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	Frank H. O'Neill, Philadelphia
309	Thos. B. Anderson	1923	Latrobe	Third Friday	Samuel B. Reyburn, Latrobe
310	Hanover	1923	Hanover	Third Tuesday	Calvin J. Bange, Hanover
311	Wm. B. Meredith	1924	New Kensington	Third Friday	Dudley H. Anderson, New Kensington
312	Crafton	1926	Crafton	First Tuesday	David S. Taylor, Crafton

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214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	Ralph H. Weand, Philadelphia
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Peter H. Brower, Philadelphia

STATISTICS
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No.	NAME	MEMBERSHIP						MEMB'R'P		
		1926	MARKED	ADMITTED	RESTORED	DIED	RESIGNED	SUSP.	CEASED	1927
3*	Jerusalem	1132	28	..	..	21	10	30	..	1099
21	Perseverance	665	25	1	..	16	1	18	1	645
43		460	32	..	2	7	1	9	..	477
52	Harmony	1263	58	2	..	31	5	7	..	1280
91	Columbia	1649	64	1	..	21	9	48	..	1636
150	Washington	442	29	..	5	6	1	2	..	467
152	Reading	292	18	..	3	5	..	8	..	300
159	Schuylkill	58	3	..	..	2	..	2	..	57
161	Union	252	10	..	..	3	1	8	..	250
162	Zerubbabel	1360	52	..	10	28	4	13	..	1377
163	Lafayette	359	18	..	..	3	2	3	..	369
164	Brownsville	256	8	..	..	4	2	4	..	254
165	Union	292	20	..	..	5	..	..	..	307
166	Mount Moriah	145	3	1	1	2	1	..	..	147
167	Eureka	315	8	..	..	6	3	3	..	311
169	Philadelphia	278	38	1	..	5	4	8	..	300
170	Delta	441	9	1	1	2	3	10	..	437
171	St. John's	192	8	..	..	4	..	7	..	189
172	Temple	146	11	..	..	4	..	..	..	153
173	Easton	646	43	..	6	8	1	6	..	680
174	Northumberland	249	29	5	2	1	..	270
175	Keystone	1008	129	4	..	20	8	26	..	1087

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		1926	MARKED	ADMITTED	RESTORED	DIED	RESIGNED	SUSP.	CEASED	1927	
176	George Washington	265	26	4	287	
177	Tamaqua	133	3	..	..	..	1	2	..	133
178	Catawissa	85	7	..	..	1	3	1	..	87
179	Eureka	305	13	..	1	2	1	1	..	315	
180	Warren	135	52	..	..	4	..	..	..	183
181	Lilly	233	9	..	..	3	..	8	..	231
182	Shekinah	1143	105	1	6	8	1	14	..	1232	
183	Oriental	1643	48	1	5	31	6	39	1	1620	
185	Lackawanna	894	54	2	2	8	3	6	..	925	
186	Lewistown	164	36	1	..	5	..	3	..	193	
187	Oriental	122	..	..	..	2	5	2	..	113
189	Mountain	619	21	..	..	8	..	7	..	625
190	Norristown	572	52	1	..	13	2	1	..	609	
191	Solomon	249	7	2	..	5	..	..	..	253
192	Urania	562	19	..	..	6	..	4	..	571
193	Duquesne	990	33	1	2	24	4	6	..	992	
194	Tyoga	121	3	..	..	2	..	2	..	120
195	Portage	652	26	..	1	4	1	3	..	671	
196	Mountain City	304	32	..	1	3	2	..	..	332
197	Weidle	293	20	..	..	6	2	4	..	301
198	Phoenix	302	7	..	..	5	5	6	..	293
199	Howell	476	52	..	3	7	..	2	..	522	
200	Columbus	124	20	..	..	2	3	..	..	139
201	Standing Stone	152	10	3	159	
202	Howell	295	14	4	6	9	..	290	
203	Allen	704	24	..	1	11	9	6	..	703	

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		1926	MARKED	ADMITTED	RESTORED	DIED	RESIGNED	SUSP.	CEASED	1927	
204	Anthony Wayne	231	14	3	..	3	..	239	
205	Factoryville	157	5	..	..	2	1	8	..	151
206	Harmony	284	8	..	2	2	1	17	..	274	
207	Aaron	132	5	..	..	1	2	..	..	134
208	Germantown	702	43	2	..	10	2	5	..	730	
209	Samuel C. Perkins	91	6	1	..	3	..	3	..	92	
210	Great Bend	75	7	1	1	1	1	..	..	82
211	Venango	306	16	..	1	4	1	4	..	314	
212*	Mound	255	26	..	..	4	..	4	..	273
214	Valley	142	10	..	..	3	1	..	..	148
215	Temple	610	24	1	2	10	4	5	..	618	
216	Zinzendorf	274	7	1	..	1	2	3	..	276	
217	Allegheny	926	27	2	..	18	..	5	..	932	
218	Bloomsburg	146	4	..	1	2	..	3	..	146	
219	Griscom	172	8	..	..	3	3	..	..	174
220	Fort Washington	159	19	..	..	1	1	..	..	176
221	Tremont	98	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	98
222	Lycoming	778	27	2	5	10	1	7	..	794	
223	Oxford	187	23	..	..	1	..	..	..	209
224	Corinthian	213	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	213
225	Jefferson	344	50	1	..	8	..	6	..	381	
226	Siloam	759	49	..	1	13	6	4	..	786	
227	Emporium	111	2	..	..	2	1	1	..	109
228	Clearfield	390	6	..	3	7	..	16	..	376	
230	Elk	252	16	1	3	5	3	8	..	256	
232	St. John	671	57	1	..	5	2	54	..	668	

233	Kensington	653	21	..	14	4	19	..	637
234	Media	221	16	2	5	..	..	..	235
235	Occidental	270	25	..	6	2	3	..	284
236	Oil City	292	4	..	4	..	2	..	290
237	Excelsior	616	46	1	7	..	10	..	647
238	Newport	104	8	..	4	1	..	..	107
239	Danville	131	8	..	..	..	..	..	139
240	Palestine	913	61	..	21	1	13	..	942
241	Bellefonte	247	22	..	4	2	..	..	265
242	Pittston	412	8	..	8	..	4	..	408
243	T. B. Freeman	1102	54	3	20	7	11	..	1121
244	Norman	347	38	..	1	1	4	..	380
245	Abington	345	28	3	10	1	1	..	365
246	Warrior Run	231	10	1	1	..	..	..	241
247	Orient	359	26	1	3	4	4	..	375
248	Temple	566	53	1	9	2	17	..	592
249	Monongahela	340	10	1	3	2	10	1	335
250	Corinthian	509	23	3	6	1	9	..	519
251	Signet	584	39	..	7	5	11	..	601
252	Mizpah	160	11	..	3	..	..	..	168
254	Arnold	64	14	1	1	..	..	..	78
255	Bedford	156	9	2	4	..	..	..	163
256	University	2200	52	1	31	18	73	..	2139
257	Shiloh	694	20	1	12	2	5	..	696
258	Chester	503	19	..	9	2	10	..	501
259	Eden	197	19	1	4	1	13	..	199
260	Bradford	285	11	..	3	2	6	..	287
261	Troy	135	11	..	2	1	2	..	141

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		1926	MARKED	ADMITTED	RESTORED	DIED	RESIGNED	SUSP.	CEASED	1927	
262	Montgomery	548	50	1	..	6	2	5	..	586	
263	Coudersport	106	9	1	..	2	..	2	..	112	
264	Shamokin	319	36	..	..	5	1	4	..	345
265	Westfield	84	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	89
266	Good Samaritan	221	20	1	..	4	..	..	..	238
267	Coatesville	335	16	2	..	7	3	27	..	316	
268	Pittsburgh	737	49	..	5	12	2	7	..	770	
269	Ulysses	59	4	..	1	3	1	..	..	60
270	Doylestown	269	11	..	..	3	..	..	..	277
271	Pottstown	400	23	..	..	5	2	..	..	416
272	Hebron	202	8	..	..	2	1	2	..	205
273	Butler	412	19	1	..	6	1	..	..	425
274	Bangor	159	13	..	..	2	1	..	..	169
275	Kennett	164	9	..	..	1	..	3	..	169
276	Susquehanna	90	6	..	..	3	1	..	..	92
277	Hazleton	280	9	..	..	3	1	..	..	285
278	Catasauqua	187	21	..	..	5	..	2	..	201
279	Kane	165	9	..	..	5	2	5	..	162
280	Cyrus	511	43	2	1	10	2	4	..	541	
281	Monroe	201	8	..	..	1	1	2	..	205
282	McKeesport	915	31	..	..	5	..	12	..	929
283	Connellsville	311	16	..	4	4	..	15	..	312	
284	Melita	1235	42	1	..	15	4	27	..	1232	
285	Wilkinsburg	609	46	1	..	5	2	7	..	642	
286	Bellevue	435	20	..	1	8	2	5	..	441	
287	Nanticoke	54	8	..	..	1	1	..	..	60

288	Mizpeh	345	6	1	..	3	..	8	..	341
289	Valley	260	9	1	..	3	..	7	..	259
290	Monessen	314	9	..	..	4	..	6	..	311
291	Ezra	261	17	..	..	7	..	..	..	269
292	Slatington	126	21	..	1	1	1	..	..	146
293	Amity	222	10	..	2	2	..	..	..	232
294	Darius	164	10	1	..	2	..	12	..	161
295	Siegfried	234	10	..	..	3	..	..	..	241
296	Zebulun	99	17	..	..	2	..	2	..	112
297	Homewood	507	33	2	1	4	1	6	..	532
298	Milton	146	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	148
299	Bellefield	396	32	1	..	7	2	7	..	413
300	Coraopolis	226	7	1	..	1	1	2	..	230
301	Lansdale	254	51	..	..	1	..	..	..	304
302	Jordan	353	26	2	6	4	2	2	1	378
303	Braddock's Field	152	8	..	..	2	1	4	..	153
304	Yorktown	702	39	1	..	2	2	..	..	738
305	St. Clair	353	35	1	..	4	1	2	..	382
306	Homestead	183	16	..	2	1	..	3	..	197
307	Apollo	282	20	2	..	3	1	5	..	295
308	Ivanhoe	157	41	3	..	..	..	4	..	197
309	Thomas B. Anderson	119	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	126
310	Hanover	123	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	133
311	William B. Meredith	130	28	2	160
312	Crafton	291	38	9	..	1	337
		59925	3501	93	114	889	253	918	4	61569

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214	Girard	52	..	4	..	2	..	54	..
216	Excelsior	111	..	3	..	1	..	113	..
		163	..	7	..	3	..	167	..

* Estimated, no General Return received.

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YEAR	FIRST GRAND CHIEF	SECOND GRAND CHIEF	THIRD GRAND CHIEF	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1795	William Ball	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBar. Duplessis
1796	William M. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1797	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"	"
1798	"	"	"	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts
1825	"	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	"	"
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Frederick Erringer	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	"	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph Riley	"
1830	John M. Read	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	John M. Read
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	"
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	Charles Stout	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	"	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	"	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Whitney	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1851	"	"	"	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Ant. Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	"	"
1859	"	"	"	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	"
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nibet	Charles E. Meyer	"	John Thomson
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1873	"	"	"	"	"
1874	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1877	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1886	"	"	"	"	"
1887	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"
1889	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	"	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"
1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	"	"
1892	"	"	"	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
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1894	"	"	"	"	Charles Cary
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1904	"	"	"	"	"
1905	J. Henry Williams	Wm. B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"
1907	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Cris. Smith	"	"
1908	"	"	"	Edward B. Spencer	"
1909	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	"	"
1910	"	"	"	"	"
1911	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	"	"
1912	"	"	"	"	"
1913	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	Samuel Laughlin	"	"
1914	"	"	"	"	Stockton Bates
1915	Porter W. Lowry	Thos. McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	"	"
1916	"	"	"	"	George B. Wells
1917	Thos. McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	Joseph E. Quinby	"	"
1918	"	"	"	"	"
1919	David J. Davis	Joseph E. Quinby	John M. Core	Thos. McConnell, Jr.	"
1920	"	"	"	"	"
1921	Joseph E. Quinby	John M. Core	George P. Darrow	"	"
1922	"	"	"	"	"
1923	John M. Core	George P. Darrow	Walton K. Swetland	"	"
1924	"	"	"	"	Joseph E. Quinby
1925	George P. Darrow	Walton K. Swetland	August P. Kunzig	"	"
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